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Stewardship Responsibilities

At the 105th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held in Raleigh at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, one of the highlights of meaningful significance was the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Headed by Dr. R. Irving Boone of Elizabeth City State University, never before has this committee so completely spoken to the issues of our time. Due to the lack of space, we are publishing portions of this report each month.

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WHEREAS, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has committed itself to the full support of Shaw University, State Missions, Foreign Missions, and the Central Orphanage, and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon these Objectives to render competent and adequate services, and compete with similar agencies which are supported by other strong sponsors, such as State government, national church organizations, and heavily-endowed foundations, and

WHEREAS, the current average per capita contribution of North Carolina Baptists is only slightly over ONE DOLLAR per year, an amount substantially lower than that of the individual members of many other denominations, some of which make per capita yearly contributions of as much as \$30.00, \$50.00, \$90.00, and above, and

WHEREAS, taken as a whole, the economic status of Negro Baptists in North Carolina compares favorably with that of other middle-income segments of our population, and

WHEREAS, the salaries of workers who are employed by the General Baptist Convention must be paid monthly; supplies and utilities paid for

regularly and continuously; maintenance, communication, and expansion must go on constantly, and

WHEREAS, the cost of materials and services has increased tremendously, within the recent past, and stands today at a staggering high

BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, through its duly constituted channels, make a strong and urgent appeal to every church and to every pastor, and to all other leaders, who can inspire action, to awaken every member of the churches of our convention to the dire need for increased financial support of the objectives of the Convention; that an appeal be directed to the members of each church to multiply their contributions, commensurate with the bounty of their material blessings — "as God hath prospered" —; that tithing, the Bible-method of giving, be emphasized; and that more emphasis be placed on the sending of money by churches to the Baptist Headquarters Office monthly, rather than waiting to send it once a year.

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EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

The statewide Evangelistic Conference will be held at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville, February 7-9, 1972. One of the featured speakers will be Dr. Sandy F. Ray, Pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York.

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BRANDON CHAPEL CELEBRATES PASTOR'S 20th ANNIVERSARY

The Brandon Chapel Baptist Church honored its pastor, Reverend A. J. Sherrill of Melton with an anniversary service on Sunday, November 7, 1971.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. O. L. Sherrill of Raleigh, brother of the pastor.

Miss Emma Grace Fowlkes of Hampden Sydney, Virginia delivered an address on "The Value of a Minister".

ADDRESS:

When one goes out into the world of matter, material or spirit, he comes in contact with animals, flowers, wood and also man, the highest of God's creation. Man meets us and we wonder about him. We find him with the power of speech and a reason. Thus at once we see his value. Made in the image of his creator, we find him capable to say, to do and to move. Thus we conclude that he is valuable and worthy of consideration.

For any minister to be valuable he must be born again, be called by God, be well trained and be willing to go where ever God may send him. The most valuable minister is the one who was born to lead. They are few and far apart. The minister is the main channel through which God's messages reach us, and through which we come to know God as our personal savior. The minister is God's Best man. He is the engine of the church. He is the leader of the church. The minister is a very valuable person in many ways. We estimate or evaluate a minister's worth by his works, his service and his life.

The minister we honor today was born to lead. I can say this because I know him. I have worked under his leadership. The indebtedness of our church challenged his ability. He worked and won. A modern Nehemiah, he rebuilt the walls when fire damaged the rear of the church. To him can be given credit for a nice basement and decent rest

rooms. Because he loves beauty, the inside of our church took on the new look. The walls were painted, new pews replaced the old ones. The floors, carpet covered, and an organ was installed.

Being concerned about the youth, he organized a Jr. Church consisting of Trustees, deacons and a Jr. Usher Board. To us, you came, you saw, you conquered. Please accept our thanks. With the cooperation of your members, two beautiful churches stand as a living memorial to you. Your service cannot be overestimated. Service is just one of the many good qualities you possess to make you a most valuable minister. You are concerned about others. You like to help people with all types of problems, and you do it with a smile. It is never too early or too late an hour to call you if your help is needed. You always respond. Our pastor I know is Faithful. No snow is too deep, no rain is too blinding, no fog is too dense, no temperature too hot or too cold, nor distance too far to keep him from fulfilling his pastoral duties and obligations.

Just as our bodies need food to keep us physically fit, so likewise our souls need spiritual food to keep us spiritually fit. The minister is capable as a spiritual advisor. Thank you very much, Rev. Sherrill, for everything you have done for me and my church. You are still my spiritual advisor. Many times I would have gone the wrong way and no doubt would have gone in the wrong direction and would have made the wrong decisions were it not for the fact that you were always available to advise and guide me in the right way. May God continue to shower his blessings upon you and may your every effort be crowned with success.

To the members of the combined churches, may I say to you, keep your pastor as long as you can. Continue to cooperate and give him your loyal support. A word of encouragement, a little deed of kindness, and even a sunny smile, will go a long way in showing your gratitude. Don't pull against your pastor, but with him. Now is the time to ap-

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A REALISTIC SHAW RISES OVER THE HORIZON

"The philosophy behind the new mission of responding to the poor, black and disadvantaged is that we deny no student an opportunity to be educated but neither will we give him a poor, black and disadvantaged education."

The striking comment came from Cleon F. Thompson, Shaw University Provost during a meeting of faculty and administration Friday, December 17th. Thompson called the faculty together to relate the steps being taken to improve the University's academic programs that would assure continued academic excellence while cutting away the access.

Thompson said, "We must constantly remind ourselves that we cannot do all things for all people. We can, however, expand through clearly defined, mutually agreed upon and high spirited cooperation with our neighboring institutions."

He said that the kind of arrangement being considered could bring three neighboring institutions — Kittrell College, St. Augustine's College and Shaw together in cooperative curriculum arrangements that would allow for broadened areas of program development and enhance human and fiscal resources.

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, the new president of Shaw has been deeply involved in finding ways to solve the monetary problems of Shaw and to develop firm fiscal and administrative procedures in an effort to put Shaw on the sound footing that is needed to operate effectively.

Hargraves said in a recent interview that some faculty and staff cutbacks would be necessary to help solve the money crisis. "What cutbacks that will take place will not be determined until after the academic task force has made its recommendations to the administration. We want the entire university involved in the final decision," he said.

Thompson, in the faculty meeting, gave the task force a deadline of January to have all their recommendations submitted so that final decisions could be made not only in cutbacks, but in other areas dealing with academic changes. Thompson said the first portion of that report had been submitted and based on the report some changes had been made. He announced that the current pass-fail grading system would be retained with full implementation during the second trimester. He said full implementation meant that with the grade a detailed narrative would be submitted to the Office of Records and Registration. He added during the next trimester a total evaluation as to whether or not this grading system would continue will be undertaken. He said it is clear that we must adapt a system that will clearly communicate internally success or failures of the student while clearly com-

municating to the public concerned what needs to be shown on the student's transcript.

Another change effective January 1, 1972 was compulsory attendance for classes, program participation, and interim responsibilities. Students in the first and second year (100-200) level courses will be allowed a prescribed number of absences in any trimester. Second and third year students (300-400) level courses will be left to the discretion of the instructor.

Thompson elaborating on the cooperating colleges program discussed earlier, said that if the program were to be successful it would have to take place in three phases. The first phase, the discussion phase is currently under-way involving administrators of the three institutions.

He said the second phase would involve the respective faculties of each institution. They would identify areas of cooperation determine program objectives for respective majors, eliminate duplication of effort, and determine faculty and physical resources available on all campuses. Decisions would then be made as to how various objectives would be accomplished.

If the first two phases are completed successfully Thompson said he hoped for debugging and experimentation of such a cooperative effort in the second and third trimester. Barring no or few problems, full implementation could begin as early as the fall of 1972.

He explained that under such a program some majors would be handled completely on Shaw's campus while others will be retained through a cooperative effort. He said the cooperative program is being carried on in a limited basis now through all of the Raleigh colleges under the Raleigh Cooperating Colleges Program.

Thompson said in another area of revision, even though Shaw would continue its open door policy for recruitment and admission of students, a more direct effort will be made to recruit at least one third of Shaw's students from the "high achievers" category, one-third from the "average achievers" and one-third from "low achievers" ranks. He said this meant the total university community will have to devote very serious attention to student retention. "We must demand complete academic excellence and at the same time respond to the student body as young adults."

The task force which was appointed by Hargraves, had recommended a student retention table to serve as a guide for the University's Academic Standards Committee. Thompson directed the Academic Standards Committee to convene and recommend policy relating to the number of courses a student may fail within a defined period and remain in good academic standing. "We can no longer allow students to remain at Shaw forever without demonstrating satisfactory progress and serious-

ness of purpose, for this practice is much more detrimental than the 'closed door' admissions policy," Thompson said.

The current administration assumed a large amount of the debt which it is currently eliminating, according to Hargraves. "To date we have paid some \$420,000 of the debt, leaving approximately \$500,000. Through fiscal conservatism and a sound management program we are moving toward eradicating the remainder," he said.

Hargraves said that the current budget was a sound one, and had it not been for the back debt Shaw would be operating "pretty close to the black at the end of the fiscal year."

In addition to new programs such as the Cooperative Education Program and the University Without Walls and revisions in Extension Education, Hargraves said Shaw has already enrolled an additional 300 students for the coming trimester which begins in January. The additional enrollment will bring the student body to approximately 1,300.

Hargraves has made it clear that his administration does not intend to tolerate situation which place the name of the institution in jeopardy. His crack-down on drugs as one example, has not let up yet. "We recently released approximately 13 students under our association policy. This policy makes it an offense for students to consort with known drug pushers."

The University is moving to prove its worth not only to the local and State community but higher education generally. The internal and external university community along with close associates have pledged more than \$400,000 to the University to be paid during the current fiscal year. Faculty, administration and staff have pledged \$35,000; The North Carolina State Baptist Convention upped its annual support from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The Women's Home Mission of the same organization added \$20,000, and the Theological Alumni of the institution has pledged another \$20,000 to assist with the operation of the University's Divinity School.

Members of Shaw Board of Trustees — over half of whom are black clergy added \$90,000. The alumni whose support has ranged in the neighborhood of \$17 to \$20,000 have pledged \$100,000 for the current fiscal year.

"This fiscal year's expenses are current," Hargraves said. "By the end of the year we plan to be close to eliminating the debt entirely."

With the debt completely eliminated, an improved and revised curriculum and smaller operating budget, Hargraves believes that Shaw can then turn truly to the business of complete implementation of programs that will serve both the Raleigh community and the State and nation.

WOMAN'S PAGE



Outgoing Queen Crowns New Queen

In 1970, the First Baptist Church of Wilson Mills won the crown by raising money for the Camp site. At that time, Mrs. Fannie Wilder was crowned. Here Mrs. Wilder is shown crowning Mrs. Margaret Debnam of Watts Chapel Baptist Church, who is the new Queen for 1971. The expression shows the happiness to give and receive the crown. On this particular night \$751.20 was raised. The Watts Chapel Church raised the highest amount.



Ebenezer King-Queen Coronation Rocky Mount, N. C.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church Jr. Usher Board crowned Miss LaWanda Joyner, Queen and Mr. Floyd A. Lynch, King, during their King-Queen Coronation. The Coronation Ceremony was conducted by Pastor Thomas Walker. Participating in the ceremony was Mrs. Annie Whitehurst, Supervisor, who played a vital role in this promotion.

Miss LaWanda Joyner reported \$26.00; Mr. Floyd Lynch reported \$35.00.

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*RADICAL MISSIONS AND THE CHURCH

As we think together on this theme, I think it is appropriate that we define some words, because the word "radical", has some bad connotations as expressed by the not-so-thoughtful many. Some of us, far to many, are quick to say that one is a radical if he comes forth with a new idea, if he challenges the wornout and dead concepts of the past, if he upsets anybody with the revelation of new truths, or if he looks prayerfully into God's word and lifts out what others have looked over because they didn't see. If a black man challenges the white power structure with facts, intelligence and action, he is branded a radical. If he challenges unjust laws and pawns his life in an effort to get them off the statute books, he's a radical. If he thinks for himself, and is not bound by the complacent society of which he is a part, he is a radical.

What is the meaning of the word "radical"? I have found that this word comes from an Anglo-Saxon word "radix", meaning "root". Therefore, a radical is one who goes to the root of the matter, who thinks to the root of the problem.

The next word in our theme that we will consider is "mission". This word comes from the Latin "mitto" and means "to send". Therefore, Christian missions has to do with those who were sent rather than those who went. The early disciples were not sent in their names, but the Lord's, and they were not sent to do their thing but what the Lord had commanded. What did He command them to do? Matthew says that He said: "You go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Mark says that He said: "You go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be damned." This seems to be what the mission of the Church is all about—what the program for the movement is.

Now first of all, I want to ask some questions, without giving you any answers. As for me I have answers with which I am satisfied (1) If the Church is a missionary, if it is the Church of Christ, and we boast of being missionary Baptists, then how did we ever get lost in the thicket of Missionary Circles in the Missionary Baptist Church? (2) Why is it that in almost every Missionary Baptist Church the Missionary Circles are made up of women and hardly any men? (3) And why is it that the #1 priority of the Circles is to raise money, and give so little time to the study of God's word that they might "show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed." (4) And, since Jesus prayed that we might be one, why is it that we have so many fragmented bodies in our Churches that are responsible to no one but themselves? Could this be the reason for our fragmented conventions? Why is it necessary for a Church to have to contribute money to the same objective through the women of

the Church, the men of the Church, the children of the Church, the Church School, young people and ushers? And why does a convention have to have four or five different conventions that meet at different times to support the same objectives? Are we truly working for the Lord, lifting Him up, or working for and lifting up ourselves?

Now before going further in the discussion of this theme, there is another strange creature, and sometimes an organization of them called "Conservatives". All this means is "to have the power to conserve, to preserve existing conditions, opposing all change." Now radical mission has to do with change and changed persons, changed by a personal encounter with Christ cannot be a conservative in every situation. If he has been changed, and has in him that redemptive enabling factor, Christ Jesus, then he becomes as a conduit through which creative and redemptive changes flow throughout the home, Church and society.

We are as leaven, says Jesus, and the only purpose of yeast is to make some changes in the meal or flour. If not, it is worthless.

He said that we are the salt of the earth, but if it has lost its power to change the taste of the meat, or keep it from spoiling, then throw it out—it's no good.

So in many of our Churches and conventions we have conservatives who are trying to conserve what ought to be thrown out. There are many customs and traditions that we perpetuate for which there is no biblical or theological basis and need to be discarded.

The first example that comes to mind is this matter of voting people into the Church. This is biblically and theologically contradictory. We tell a man that "he must be born again", and yet we vote him in the visible Church and will not permit him to become an active participant in the Church movement until he has been baptized and voted on by regenerate and unregenerate sinners. It is written in John's Gospel 1:12 that: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, and even to them that believe on His name".

When I was born into the physical world, no one had to vote for me to be a part of the family. I was born in it. The family merely received me when I was born.

Also, there may be times when we hinder the mission when we insist on Baptism as a condition for Church membership and working in the Christ movement. Is there any record as to when and who baptized Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Phillip, Bartholomew, James and the rest of the disciples? Jesus didn't tell the young ruler to go get baptized, join the Church, and you will have it made, but rather, "go sell what you have, give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me."

He didn't tell Zachaeus to get baptized and join the Church, but said, "I'm going home with you to-

day," and when He did, the presence of Jesus made Zachaeus do some voluntary confessing. He said, "Lord, the half of my goods I'll give to the poor, and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I will give back to him four-fold." Now, whenever a person says "if you think I am wrong", "if I have done wrong", he is already aware that he has done wrong. Jesus said to him according to Luke's Gospel 19:9: "This day is salvation come to this house . . ." I'm merely asking, who are we to have iron-clad rules that one must subscribe to before he is qualified to do the Lord's work?

Why the right hand of fellowship? What is the purpose of it? What does it mean to a twelve-year-old, who has been voted in the organization, to pump the hands of a forty-year-old adult who wants in?

The only time the right hand of fellowship is mentioned in the New Testament Scriptures is in Galatians 2:9, and has to do with the sending forth of Paul and Barnabas as missionaries to the heathen and not for admission into the Church. It reads as follows: "And when James, Cephas and John who seemed to be pillars of the Church, perceived the grace that was given to me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision." The truth is, one's fellowship is in Christ Jesus and relationship to Him proceeds fellowship with one another. Therefore the Church is a relationship first and a fellowship second.

This brings us now to discuss some forms of radical mission. First, voter registration and voting. Every citizen's life is vitally effected by the local, state, and federally elected leaders. Black power, the manifestation of Christian concern, the decision as to who shall rule over us at the ballot box is, or should be a social priority of every Christian. At the ballot box, we can certainly force some racists to change their behavior and rhetoric if not their attitude. It is at the ballot box and not in a prayer meeting that blacks get elected to office. It is foolish to expect God to cause black people to be elected to office merely because of a prayer meeting. After you pray, you better hurry to the County Board of Elections, register and vote. Don't wait on God to do some things. God fed Elijah for a while by the ravens, but when the brook ran dry and the ravens stopped coming, God advised him to get moving—to get to the home of the widow of Zarephath.

We need to stop talking this nonsense about "religion and politics don't mix". The Bible says that: "The earth is the Lord's, the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein"; therefore, the devil has no right to be in control of any part of it. Our missionary job is to Christianize dirty politics.

Second, the Church should provide vital services to people who do not know their rights and who are robbed by default of hundreds of thousands of dollars because they do not know. There are those who do not have birth certificates and do not know how or where to obtain them. There are retirement funds

that are to be paid to a surviving spouse, but the survivors do not know how to apply for them. There are those who sign contracts without being able to read with understanding the fine print. There are foreclosures on the houses of the poor that the Church should help them avoid. There are those in dire need of varied kinds of services who are not affiliated with any congregation. Are we to minister only to the baptized? Are we to question one's Church affiliation before giving aid? Are we merely to look out for the welfare of "our" members and give no concern to the needs of the un-churched? Are we to inquire of the fallen on the Jericho road about their Church affiliation before giving aid? If so, then we cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be the Church of Jesus Christ.

Third, we must stop thinking that the mere raising of money is Christian mission. Money is only a means to help in the accomplishment of the mission. In some cases, we spend more on ourselves than we spend for the mission.

In 1967, when we celebrated the Centennial of this convention, we received a grand total of \$15,261.43 of this amount we gave to ourselves in honorariums and expenses \$14,747.85, leaving for mission \$513.58. We should give less to ourselves as volunteer workers and more to such organizations as the N.A.A.C.P., the Legal Defense Fund, the Urban League and kindred organizations that have won so many victories for our common good.

Radical Mission should involve the lending of money. A convention such as ours should have a revolving loan fund for our Churches. We are giving entirely too much money to the professional money lenders, who many times have no reverence for God, respect for the Church or Christianity. In many instances the returns from the money borrowed from these institutions are used to discriminate against us and to perpetuate injustices on members of our Churches. There are lending institutions that have made much money on Negroes who will not lend to Negroes to buy homes anywhere except in areas designated by the White Power structure.

It is stated by Theodore Matsun in his book **The Edge of the Edge** that: "Members of at least three Congregations have made arrangements to increase the personal mortgage on their homes in order to make substantial loans to their Church building funds". The Christian person should be as willing to sacrifice for God's house and the household of the faithful, as he is his own house and family.

Fourth, radical mission is to become involved in housing for people. Many of our Churches are now so involved. Individually and as groups, Churches should do more in providing real low cost housing for rental and purchase by the poor. It can be done. The late Clarence Jordan did it in Americus, Georgia.

We live in a mobile age where more than 25 million people shift from one place to another within the span of a year. More than 20% of city people and 17% of the rural move annually. Unchristian and

unethical landlords are having a field day with often helpless and hopeless people who must be housed. Some people are paying \$125 per month for inadequate housing. And to make matters worse, many of these people, who because of a lack of education, discrimination, or both, cannot secure the type of work where they might earn \$125 per week.

If we are really concerned about the soul salvation of people then we must be concerned about the whole person—the whole of his life here. The soul and body are one. God breathed in man the breath of life and he became a living soul. The rich man that went to hell, he went, not just his soul. He cried out of the torments of hell for water to cool his parching tongue—not just his soul. Radical mission is making it better for men here and not hereafter. Someone has said that: "Man comes in the world naked and bare, lives on earth in sorrow and care, soon dies and goes God knows where, but if he does well here he'll do well there."

Fifth, radical missions is concerned about the ministry to human needs. Paul R. Ehrlich has said in his book, *The Population Bomb* that: "In the 1970's the world will undergo famines. Hundreds of millions of peoples are going to starve to death." Another authority on the problem has said that: "Of the 60 million deaths recorded annually in the world, thirty to forty million have been attributed to malnutrition. Only 17% of the world population manage to consume a daily ration of protein that is considered adequate." As millions die for lack of an adequate diet, many so-called Christian Churches are reducing their contribution to the human needs of man in order to pile up millions of dollars in bricks and mortar.

The day of separation will come and the King will say to them on his right hand: "Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." What for? The building we erect? The programs we sponsor? The tickets we sell? The associations and conventions with which we were affiliated? No. He shall say: "I was hungry and you gave me meat; thirsty and you gave me drink; a stranger and you took me in; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me." This is radical mission—this is the root of what the Church should be about, but in this matter we are battling for below 500.

Sixth, radical missions has to do with relationships. Our emphasis is on membership—getting members on the roll, counting heads for bragging purposes. The church business is to make disciples for Christ. You see, it costs nothing to be a member, but everything to be a disciple. One may get baptized and be a member and never follow Christ. Discipleship means fellowship. In Mark 2:14 it is written, "And as He passed by He saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll, and He said unto him, 'Follow me.' And he arose and followed Him".

Dietrich Bonhuffer has said in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, that: "Christianity without discipleship is Christianity without Christ." He further states that: "If we would follow Jesus we must take certain definite steps. The first step which follows call, cuts the disciple off from his previous existence because the call to follow produces a new situation. To stay in the old situation makes discipleship impossible." When one becomes a disciple of Christ, not a Church member, but a disciple of Christ, he must leave something. Levi had to leave the receipt of custom. Peter, James and John had to leave their nets. The woman at the well left her water pot when she discovered water that was not of the well. A prodigal leaves the far Country of estrangement from his father, says good-bye to the hog pen, is willing to become a slave in his father's house rather than a free man on the devil's playing ground. A young woman who was a fortune teller came under the influence of Paul and Silas and left her questionable occupation and didn't worry about the loss of money from her business and how she was going to make a living because she had found a new life.

The Church can never be a Church of Jesus Christ until the members become disciples and are willing to leave all for the Kingdom of God.

Radical mission is to rediscover the business of the Church, to become once again that redemptive leaven that changes society until slowly and imperceptibly it becomes the Kingdom over which and in which God rules.

Radical mission is the resurrecting of dead minds. One writer has said that "Christianity has gone dead in the modern mind," and Charles W. Ranson, former Dean of Drew University Divinity School says that: "The modern mind in which it has gone dead is, often as not, inside the Church." Preaching and teaching is not much good on minds gone dead and are not capable of receiving new truths, new ideas, and new ways of doing the business of the Church.

Radical mission is not a matter off going to Church, but being the Church; not a matter of community organizations, but being the community.

One day a traveler came to a small village seeking to locate a friend. He asked of a young man if John Jones lived in that community. The young man said, "I don't know what a community is". The traveler replied that: "A community is a place where no man eats his cake until he is sure every man has his bread". The young man said, "Well, this is no community then, it's just another place."

Radical mission challenges us to be God's concerned and redemptive community, lest the Churches become just other places where we gather for Sunday ecclesiastical exercises that are meaningless and fruitless.

*This message was delivered by Leon C. Riddick, Minister of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. at the 104th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention.

BRANDON CHAPEL CELEBRATES

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preciate him. If you like him, if you love him, tell him now. Don't withhold the appreciation till the preacher makes oration and he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow. If he earns your praise, bestow it. If you love him, let him know it. Let the true words of encouragement be said.

Rev. Sherrill, this I have said to you on a similar occasion, but it is worth repeating. If the world comes down upon you, just keep going in His name. You may feel you are forsaken, but He is with you just the same.

When you come to the Red Sea, and in spite of all you can do, there is no way out, there is no way back, there is no other way but through. When you stand with the Red Sea in front of you, criticisms, and false accusations mountain high on either side, and behind you the devil and all of his host are on your trail, in such a time as this, you may stand firmly on the Solid Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. Build your hopes on things eternal, hold to God's unchanging hand and He will safely lead you through.



Johnston County Missionaries Continue To Work

The Missionary Women of the Johnston County Baptist District Union (Mrs. Clara Ballentine, President) continue to work hard. They believe in saving souls for Christ and they lock arms with the president to put over the Christian battle. This picture was made at the Watts Chapel Baptist Church, where they sponsored a program raising money for the camp site.

Representatives here are on the front row, left to right: Mrs. Margaret Debnam, Watts Chapel (Queen); Mrs. Het-tie Watson, Spring Hill; Mrs. Alice Newkirk, First, Clayton; Mrs. Dollie Tomlinson, Good Samaritan; Mrs. Hasty, Mount Nebo, Raleigh. Back row: Mrs. Eva Evans, First, Smithfield; Mrs. Fannie Wilder, First, Wilson Mills; Mrs. Iola Eason, Galilee; Mrs. Mable Tomlinson, Johnston Pin-ey Grove and Mrs. Aisa Thompson, First, Selma.

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CLARION CALL ISSUED

Our Executive Secretary has issued a great challenge to the Associations, churches and pastors of the General Baptist State Convention. He is calling us to see to it that over half of our annual budget is raised by the One Day Session of the convention to be held May 10 at the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte. This is certainly not too much to expect of us. We should receive the challenge gladly and arm ourselves to do this and even more.

This is a year when our budget must be reached. The higher and expanded demands of Missions and Education call us to take our rightful place as Baptists in North Carolina. Come on and let us make real our goals and objectives.

CONTINUATION OF REPORT MADE BY COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

(Continued from January Issue)

II

THE STATE OF THE NATION

WHEREAS, this Convention is seriously disturbed over the agonizing problems which, currently, afflict our nation, we go on record with the following statement:

WE DEPLORE the mounting increase in crime, especially the current violence against persons and property, and the widespread distribution and use of harmful drugs; and we urge that increased, organized efforts be made to curb this demoralizing trend;

WE EMPHATICALLY DEPLORE the subtle racism which is manifesting itself in numerous areas of our society, in both public and private relationships; and we call upon the Christian Citizenry and the leaders in various capacities — both in Church and State — to take a positive and vigorous stand against this antiquated and immoral practice;

WE FURTHER express our concern about the housing programs throughout the United States, in both the public and private sectors. We find a pattern of subtle discrimination against minority groups in the relocation programs, where urban renewal is taking place, restrictive listings on the private market, and zoning discrimination in suburban communities, against persons of moderate and lower incomes;

IN THE FIELDS of employment, we find notorious discrimination on the trainee and placement levels, and extreme tokenism on the policy-making level, which includes business executives, bureau supervisors in government, and public school principals.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That

We call upon the President of these United States to place the welfare of the people of this nation above partisan politics, and to pursue seriously and forthrightly the business of implementing his campaign pledges to "bring the peoples of the nation together."

We further call upon the President of this Nation to take a firm, explicit, and unequivocal position on the disrupting and controversial issues, which presently confront and divide the people of our country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That

We call upon the Governors of the several States of the Union to use the full weight of influence of their office in seeing to it that the Constitution of the United States, which, under oath, they promised to uphold and defend, is properly respected.

We further call upon the Governors of the several States of the Union to exercise their full authority in seeing to it that Law and Order and Justice are fully maintained, and that every citizen is accorded the respect and fair-play to which all human beings are rightly entitled.

We further call upon the Governors of the several States to desist in employing tactics, de-

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WILEY ENJOYS UNIQUE ROLE IN NATION'S CAPITAL



Rev. H. Wiley

The Reverend H. Wesley Wiley, a former pastor in Winston-Salem has distinguished himself in the nation's capital as Director of Metropolitan Ministries and pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church located where South Capital Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue come together.

Wiley's work as director of Metropolitan of the District of Columbia is sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is engaged as the pastor of the Covenant Baptist Church which was a predominantly white congregation having only fourteen black members when he assumed the leadership. Since the Rev. Wiley has been pastor, the white members have remained and many blacks have united. He has performed a superior task of leading this congregation into being a growing integrated church. He has also led this congregation, along with being a part of the



Some members of the Deacon Board & Advisory Council of the Covenant Baptist Church.

Southern Baptist Convention, to affiliate with the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention.

Since being in Washington, Wiley has continued to be a strong supporter of the **Baptist Informer**.

DR. JOHN R. MANLEY CITED

Dr. John R. Manley has recently been cited for his outstanding role in Community Leadership for the 25 years he has been in the Chapel Hill Community and pastor of the First Baptist Church. Manley is prominent in the affairs of the General Baptist State Convention.

LOOKING IN AND AROUND THE STATE

Two of our National Baptist bodies held Mid-Winter Sessions, January 18-20.

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Dr. J. H. Jackson, President met in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, our Executive Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Baptist Convention was in attendance. Also, among those in attendance from North Carolina were Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Convention; W. T. Bigelow, Durham; E. T. Thompson, Durham; J. Arthur White, Charlotte; R. M. Young, Charlotte and C. W. Anderson, Greensboro.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention met in Memphis, Tennessee. Attending from North Carolina were George W. Dudley, Recording Secretary of the Convention from Rocky Mount; J. H. Ferguson, member of the Convention's Finance Committee from Rockingham; C. J. Cooper, Laurinburg and Percy High, Durham. Dr. L. V. Booth, Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church was confirmed as the new president of the Progressive Convention.

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The Reverend Percy High has returned to the state as the Pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham.

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Dr. A. Jackson Ryans of Charlotte was recently honored with the celebration of his 25th Anniversary as Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Dr. J. B. Humphrey, Pastor of Charlotte's First Baptist Church delivered the sermon on this occasion.

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Mrs. C. R. Edwards, wife of our President, C. R. Edwards has been seriously ill. As we go to press, the good word has come that she is recuperating nicely.

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The Reverend J. E. Arnette has recently moved to Rocky Mount as the Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Executive Secretary Sherrill was the guest of the pastor and church on Sunday, January 23.

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Among our Executive Secretary's many engagements, he spoke on January 11 at the Metro-Missions. He attended the Vacation Bible School Clinic at Wingate College along with C. C. Craig, Assistant Executive Secretary; Leo Williams, Director of Christian Education and many other General Baptists. Dr. Sherrill will be the guest speaker at the Yates Ministers' Conference in Durham, February 14.

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The Editor of the **Informer** recently preached the Officer's Installation Sermons in the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte where Leon Riddick is pastor. Under his profound leadership, Mount Carmel is one of the top churches in the state. The fellowship with Leon and his charming wife, Micki is always to be greatly enjoyed. As an added treat, we had the privilege of seeing Coleman W. Kerry for a few minutes.

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There are some good churches without pastors in our state, namely: First, Reidsville; St. James, Rocky Mount; West Durham, Durham; Jones Chapel, Mooresville; Pilgrim Chapel, James City; Good Samaritan, Garner; Springfield, Auburn; Phipps Chapel, Henderson; White Oak, Apex; Jerusalem, Woodland; First, Kannapolis; Hooks Grove, Pikeville and Mount Sinai, Eden.

NEWS FROM THE WEST

SAMUEL A. RAPER
Contributing Editor

We, the members of the General Baptist State Convention of Western North Carolina, bow in humble submission to God and give thanks to Dr. O. L. Sherrill and all the workers in our headquarters for a well done job in the past year.

We pledge one hundred percent cooperation with our Unified Program for the new year. We have enough members in our convention if everyone would give ten cents per week, to the Unified Program to get \$1,650,000.00 this year. How sad it is for us to be called Missionary Baptists and not give a mere ten cents per week.

It is my prayer that I may live to see the church I pastor give fifty per cent of our total income for mission and education. In order to do this, we must have fifty percent tithers, and twenty-five giving something out of about 300 members.

May the New Year bring all of you good health, happiness and much joy.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST USHERS' CONVENTION

ARTHUR WILLIAMS, President

The One Day Session of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention will meet with the Flat Creek Baptist Church, February 26, 1972, Rev. J. E. McGrier, Pastor.

Flat Rock Church is located about 8 miles west of Henderson, N. C. Directions: Follow Highway #39 north from Henderson to Williamboro and make a left turn at the crossroads. The church is a short distance on the left side of the highway.

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signed to circumvent the Supreme Law of the land, with regard to the current busing program in public schools, and to proceed in the full implementation of this federal mandate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That

We call upon the Mayors of the various municipalities to exercise their full authority and leadership in establishing programs of law enforcement that will insure justice and humane treatment to all citizens, irrespective of racial identity or economic status.

We further call upon the Mayors of the Nation to take positive steps in setting up programs which will eliminate the slum conditions, in their respective cities, and create an environment conducive to good citizenship and healthy living.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That

We call upon the City Councils and Boards of County Commissioners of the Nation to gear their budgetary programs and adjust their priorities in such a way as to meet more adequately the expanding needs of contemporary society, particularly, in the areas of Health, Education, Housing, and the Administration of Justice.

We further call upon the City Councils and the Boards of County Commissioners to take a firm, positive, and unrelenting stand on the vital issues which, currently, confront the people in all of the local communities, and to exert the full influence of their leadership in alleviating the chaotic conditions which prevail in many localities across the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That

We call upon the Law Enforcement Officers to be circumspect in the performance of their duties, and to refrain from repressive measures in the law enforcement process, the use of which measures further provoke well-meaning citizens and frustrates the administration of justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That

We call upon the General Citizenry to exhibit greater respect for those persons entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining law and order, and of protecting the lives and property of us all. In this connection, we submit that police-community relations is a matter of grave concern to us. To this end of helping to create a climate of proper relationships in this important area, we do here and now, re-affirm our full advocacy of law and order with justice, and emphatically recognize the same as the solid foundation for a well-ordered society.

III

VOTER EDUCATION, REGISTRATION, AND THE BALLOT

WHEREAS, ours is a system of representative government, and

WHEREAS, our governmental representatives are elected by the people, and

WHEREAS, elected governmental officials are usually responsive only to the participating electorate, and

WHEREAS, the ballot can be used as an effective non-violent method to gain better citizenship status, and

WHEREAS, Christian principles dictate abhorrence of violence and yet exhort us to good earthly citizenship, and

WHEREAS, voting is both a privilege and a responsibility for good citizenship,

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, That this Convention beseech each member Church to initiate a program of action directed toward a goal of 100% registration of its membership from 18 years old up, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this action program be directed toward 100% membership participation in ALL governmental elections, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this action program include voter education to enable and insure fruitful participation in the electoral process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That more of us who are qualified as leaders offer ourselves as candidates for public office.

IV

GOVERNMENTAL AND INDUSTRIAL POSITIONS FOR NEGROES

WE TAKE DUE COGNIZANCE of Governor Scott's actions, thus far during his administration, in the appointment of several Negroes to public offices in the branches of State government.

WE NOTE with serious concern, however, that the ratio of blacks to whites who receive appointments to state positions in North Carolina is ridiculously out of proportion, on the basis of population ratio, which disquieting fact is fully supported by available statistics. For additional documentation of this point, one needs only to stand in the corridors of any of our state buildings, at the end of any work day, and note the extreme rarity of black faces, among the hundreds of whites, emerging from the various offices.

The black Highway Patrolmen represent only tokenism and a showcase to the public. The State Bureau of Investigation represents the same tokenism.

On local levels, the ratio between blacks and whites in law enforcement is about 1 to 20 in the heavily Negro populated counties in the east, and the same ratio holds true in city fire departments.

In the county governments, there is usually one Negro in the Agricultural office, but none in Conservation and Wildlife protection.

There is only one black counselor in the Attorney-General's office. There are only two black judges in district, county, state or federal courts. The State Department of Revenue has no black white-collar workers. The Department of Motor Vehicles practices a minimum of tokenism. With the large fleet of automobiles and highway machinery operated by the State, very few mechanics are black.

Also, the private industries show a discrimination against black employees by hiring personnel in about the same ratio as the state and local governments, except in the unskilled labor bracket.

WHEREAS, this un-Christian and undemocratic situation does exist in North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the citizenship rights of many people are abridged to the extent that such people are denied opportunity to serve — in terms of their capacities — in positions of public trust; and

WHEREAS, the economic aspirations and security of any segment of our population are thwarted, if they are denied job opportunities for which they qualify, and

WHEREAS, the record reveals that there is a substantial number of blacks in North Carolina who are fully qualified to serve efficiently in the various categories of public office, and

WHEREAS, the definite trend in our contemporary society is that appointments to public offices shall be made on the basis of the qualifications of the individual, and not on the basis of his or her racial identity, and

WHEREAS, the articulate voices of thousands of Negroes in North Carolina speak loudly and clearly to the need for greater EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY for the black citizenry of this State, and

WHEREAS, this vital matter of EQUAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES for Negroes in North Carolina has already been too long ignored.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the General Baptist State Convention of North Caro-

lina, Inc., representing a total constituency of 350,000 persons, through messengers and ministers assembled in Annual Convention, at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, this the fourth day of November, 1971, call upon Governor Robert Scott to proceed forthwith in the appointment of an increased number of Negroes and other minority people to the various offices — in all of the State Departments and on all levels of service, particularly on the higher, policy-making levels — and that the criterion for such appointments shall be only that the appointees possess the stipulated qualifications, as prescribed by the statutes governing such appointments.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That he, the Governor, be asked to use his influence in getting city governments, county governments, private corporations, and other concerns to employ a greater percentage of blacks in white-collar and blue-collar positions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor be asked to issue a declaration of concern for equal employment, irrespective of race, as a policy for the people of the State as a whole.

V

PUBLIC SCHOOL INTEGRATION

WHEREAS, three years ago there were more than two hundred Negro principals of high schools in North Carolina and today there are less than a dozen, and

WHEREAS, the leaders who have been displaced were educated at great cost in private universities like Shaw University and in public institutions, at taxpayers' expense, and

WHEREAS, the refusal to retain these administrators in integrated schools appears to be a deliberate and calculated expression of contempt for black leadership, and

WHEREAS, the absence of Negro administrators in the high schools denies black children the stimulation and encouragement of seeing concrete examples of top-level achievement and management by black people, right at the time when such children are choosing their life vocations.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina say to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to the State Board of Education, and to the State School Boards' Association, that we deplore this rejection of black people as administrators in the public schools, and that we are disgusted with the feeble and evasive steps being taken toward full racial integration in many communities throughout the State.

(To be continued in March Issue)

ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL INSTITUTE

G. E. BROWN, Moderator

The Middle Ground Association held its annual Training Institute at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, North Carolina, January 10-21, 1972. Classes were held each night for two and one-half hours.

Following classes, sermons were delivered each night. Those who preached were: Rev. H. H. Moore, Rev. F. W. Davis, Rev. J. H. Chance, Rev. H. Hammond, Rev. T. R. Vines, Rev. E. M. Brown, Rev. E. L. Powell, Rev. J. H. Dixon, Rev. Mors Exum, Rev. A. D. Mosley and Rev. J. A. Daniel.

Attendance 350.

Instructors: Dr. A. D. Mosley — Ministers; Rev. G. E. Brown — Deacons; Sister Lucy Gray — Missionaries; Rev. E. M. Brown, Sister Carrie Alexander, and Sister Rosa L. Purvis — Youth.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED IN SERIES OF SERVICES

Installation services for the Reverend Claro Dickens, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilmington were held nightly beginning on January 24 through January 30.

Sermons were delivered throughout the week by the Reverends F. W. Moore, Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, Long Creek; J. W. Barnes, Pastor, Shiloh, Wilmington; A. B. Sutton, Pastor, Union, Wilmington; O. K. Lawson, Pastor, Ebenezer, Wilmington; E. L. Pettiford, Pastor, Fifth Avenue, Wilmington.

The Reverend S. M. White, Moderator, Kenansville Eastern Association climaxed the series of services with a sermon on Sunday afternoon. Each minister was accompanied by his choir and congregation.

Reverend Dickens is married to the former Miss Doris Jones. They have two children, Joseph and Lavern Maxine Dickens. Rev. Dickens is presently enrolled at the Shaw University, Raleigh.

WACHOVIA BANK and TRUST CO. PLEDGES \$25,000 TO SHAW UNIVERSITY

The Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, N.A. of Raleigh, has pledged \$25,000 to Shaw University's development program.

The announcement of the pledge was made by Mr. R. Lee Covington, Senior Vice President of the Company.

The pledge was made as a result of the concerted efforts of the University and its Board of Trustees to obtain support from the business and corporate community of Raleigh.

Phillip H. Mason, Vice President for Development and University Relations at Shaw, said that the pledge from Wachovia Bank, the largest in the State of North Carolina, is the most meaningful local pledge to the University's recently launched development program. "We feel that the confidence which Wachovia and its officials have placed in the new administration at Shaw University will play a tremendous role in the success of this program," he added.

The current development program initiated by the new administration, which is less than eight months old, has linked the new development policies of fiscal conservatism and programmatic radicalism to the total re-evaluation of the University's structure and curriculum.

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President at Shaw, has said that the University intends to offer higher education at its best and is moving toward serving the total community surrounding the institution and the state and nation as well.

Mason added, "We feel that this is the main reason Wachovia pledged its support to Shaw."

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

By MAUDE M. JEFFERS
Gastonia, N. C.

Friendship Baptist Church honored its pastor, the Rev. T. M. Walker, during a special appreciation service Sunday, January 9 at 3:00 p.m. It was given in recognition of his services to the church and the community at the close of his first year as pastor.

The sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. S. C. Jones, pastor of Weeping Mary Baptist Church of Bowling Green, S. C. His choir and congregation accompanied him and presented music. Scripture was read by the Rev. Lewis Montgomery and welcome was by Mrs. Dorothy Matthews.

Mrs. Dorothy Feemster was chairman of the program and representatives from all departments of the church worked together to present a program which was widely attended. Representing the church in a short speech was Dennis Wilson, Jr. The speaker was introduced by David Rainey of the Deacon Board.

Among other things it was stated that the Rev. Walker had worked with the church officials and membership in the growth of the membership and

spiritual unity of the church — both adults and juniors. A week's course in Effective Evangelism was conducted with an average attendance of 75 nightly. Certificates were presented to those who pursued the course. As a follow-up of this course, Friendship's members conducted a two-week's census survey in many areas of the county to determine the number of unchurched citizens of the area.

Also, two successful financial rallies have been launched netting over \$10,000 for the building fund. All the substandard homes that the church once owned have been demolished thus clearing space for a new parsonage, now completed, and leaving adequate space for a new church for the future. A new street has been built by the church and donated to the city. Many other improvements have been made under the leadership of the pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Walker came to this church from Olive Branch Baptist Church of Elizabeth City. Prior to this pastorate he was pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The pastor has a history of various civic, fraternal and religious activities for both church and community. He is actively engaged in the Ministerial Associations. He often serves as guest minister for the county and state Baptist Associations and for churches of the area. The Rev. Walker has an identical twin brother who is a pastor in Salisbury.

Born in Rock Hill, South Carolina and educated in the local schools of Rock Hill and Greensboro, North Carolina, he earned his higher education at A. and T. State University of Greensboro and at Shaw University. He holds the B.Th. degree.

The Rev. and Mrs. Walker are parents of two sons, Melvin J. Walker of Norfolk, Virginia, a social service worker in Norfolk and Jerry Lee Walker, a graduate cum laude, May 1971 from N. C. Central University and president of the Student Government of the University — a political science major.

At the close of the service Sunday, Rev. and Mrs. Walker were presented a purse on behalf of the church by the chairman of the deacon board, Hiram Gardin. Weeping Mary Baptist Church also presented the pastor and Mrs. Walker with a cash gift. A closing talk was made by Rev. Walker in appreciation for the gift and for the many nice things that were said about his work in the church and community.

The capacity audience of members and friends were invited to the fellowship room where they were served refreshments by the social committee, Mrs. Josephine Washington, chairman.

THREE MORE LOCAL FIRMS RESPOND TO SHAW'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Phillip H. Mason, Vice-President for Development and University Relations at Shaw University, announced that three additional local organizations had responded positively to the current Shaw University Development program.

The News and Observer Foundation of Raleigh pledged \$12,000.00 to the University's Development program. The announcement of the pledge was made public through Mr. Frank A. Daniels, Sr., president of the Foundation.

Carl Hudson of Hudson Belk and Company announced a pledge of \$10,000.00, and Sir Walter Chevrolet, another Raleigh-based business, pledged \$1,000.00 to the University.

All three pledges were made as a result of concerted efforts of University officials and the Board of Trustees to obtain support from the Raleigh community for Shaw through the University's first major development program. The current institutional advancement program initiated by the new administration, which is less than eight months old, has linked the new development policies of fiscal conservatism and programmatic radicalism to a total re-evaluation of the University's administration structure and curriculum so that Shaw may serve the local community in more meaningful ways.

Mason said all three pledges would be used as the University deems necessary to enhance the institution's total program.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY BOARD MEMBER PLEDGES \$25,000

Dr. John W. Winters, local land developer, real estate broker and member of the Shaw University Board of Trustees made public his pledge of \$25,000 to the University's current development program. \$5,000 of the pledge has already been paid.

As a member of Shaw's Board since 1965, Dr. Winters has continuously been instrumental in obtaining grants and gifts for Shaw from the North Carolina business community. Dr. Winters' led the Board's pledges of over \$90,000 for the University development program.

Dr. Winters who is a long-time supporter of the University, serves as Co-Chairman of the Board's Committee for the development program and Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees. He is a native North Carolinian who has participated and contributed greatly to civic organizations both on the state and local level. Recently he received the Horace Sudduth Special Award from the National Business League during its 71st Annual Convention held in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Winters, a life member of the NAACP, served three terms on the Raleigh City Council, and for four years was Chairman of its Public Works Committee. He is President of John W. Winters and Company, land developers and builders, licensed insurance and real estate brokers, the largest black real estate firm in North Carolina.

Winters is Vice-Chairman of the Wake County Executive Committee of the Democratic Political Party; a member of the Board of Managers, Mechanics and Farmers Bank; a member of the Board of Directors of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce; member of the Home Builders Association of Raleigh; and a director of the Raleigh Merchants Bureau. He serves as a member of various programs and committees in the areas of human relations and economic advancement as a consultant to officials and agencies in both state and national government. He was awarded an honorary L.L.D. degree by Shaw University in 1968.

Upon presentation of his pledge, Dr. Winters stated that he had confidence in Shaw University and what the University has stood for throughout the years. He added, "To that extent I pledge my full support to Shaw University and the leadership role which it has taken in the past and continues to take in higher education throughout the nation."

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THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And behold . . . the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door.

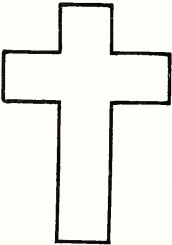
And the angel . . . said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him.

MATTHEW 28:1-2, 5-7

BEATITUDES OF THE RISEN LIFE

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- Blessed is the man whose heart today burns as he walks with Jesus by the way.
Blessed is the man who having not seen yet believes.
Blessed is the man who hears the voice of the Risen Lord saying, "Peace be unto you."
Blessed is the man who accepts the glorious Master, Jesus Christ, and his Lord and his God and worships Him.
Blessed is the man who thus lives the power of the endless life through fellowship with the Risen Lord.
Blessed is the man whose words and deeds are day by day and every day a witness to the living and loving Lord.
Blessed is the man who obeys the Risen Lord's last great command and commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel," for unto him shall be fulfilled the Lord's promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

—Oliver Huckel

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FROM THE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Political Action Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, is urging all counties to conduct and support vigorous campaigns of voter registration and education in their respective areas.

Our convention President, Dr. C. R. Edwards, is keenly interested in making sure that the impact of the convention's voter registration efforts be felt in the upcoming primaries in our state.

Since it would be difficult and expensive for the committee to hold a statewide meeting at this time, Political Action Committee Chairman, Jerry Drayton is urging all voter registration chairmen in all counties to—

—Bring to the 4:45 p.m. meeting at Friendship Baptist Church in Charlotte on May 9th the number of persons registered thus far.

—Number of voter education workshops held in each county by convention workers.

Drayton said that all data gathered at the May 9th meeting will be compiled and used for a general report to the One Day Session of the Baptist State Convention on May 10th in Charlotte.

THE CHURCH AND POLITICS SEMINAR

The 1972 Seminar on Church and Community sponsored by the North Carolina State University was held at the Fairmont United Methodist Church, Raleigh on March 13-14, under the theme: "The Church and Politics."

Dr. J. J. Johnson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairmont, and member of the House of Representatives, North Carolina General Assembly appeared on the two-day program. He spoke on the

subject "Minority Groups in North Carolina Politics".

The Introduction and Statement of theme was presented by Rev. Otis L. Hairston, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro.

Others appearing on the program were Mr. George H. Hester, Jr., Program Advisor, Southern National Division, Ford Foundation, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Dr. Abraham Holtzman, Professor of Politics, N. C. State University, Raleigh; The Honorable McNeill Smith, Senate, N. C. General Assembly; The Honorable Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr., Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina; Dr. Donald W. Shriver, Jr., Director, Urban Policy Study, N. C. State University, Raleigh.

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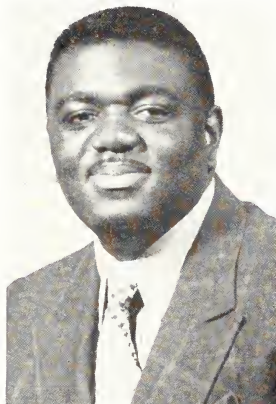
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REV. JOHNNIE WALLACE, JR. INSTALLED AT WHITEVILLE



Installation ceremonies for the Rev. Johnnie Wallace, Jr., new pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of Whiteville, were highlighted with a sermon by the Rev. Coleman Kerry, Jr., pastor of Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, and his church choir. Service was conducted on January 23, 1972, at the Friendship Baptist Church, Whiteville, at five o'clock.

Rev. Kerry chose Luke 19.3 as his text for his sermon, "Occupy until He Comes." He compared the occasion to the wedding of a pastor and his church. He admonished both to occupy their time in service, prayer, performance, and humanity.

Outstanding music was furnished by the visiting choir under the direction of Mrs. Rosena Nicholas. Their selections included "Pray for Peace," "Lift Up Your Head," "Amazing Grace," "Stood on the Banks of Jordan," and "Remember Me." This eighty-voice choral group has produced several recordings and has traveled extensively throughout the North, South, and Midwest. Mrs. Nicholas arranges most of the selections for the chorus.

During the ritual, Rev. Kerry charged Rev. Wallace, the deacons, the local church choirs, the ushers, and the church membership with their duties respectively, and each pledged his troth to his responsibilities. Symbolizing faith and love, the local church presented the new pastor a clerical robe.

Native Charlottean, Rev. Wallace is presently employed with Model Cities in Charlotte where he has excelled in community affairs. Charlotte city leaders have cited him as outstanding. Many of the programs under Model City have been founded under his guidance.

His formal training includes attending public elementary and high schools in Charlotte, correspondence courses in Germany from the University of Maryland, and Johnson C. Smith University. He has also been trained in insurance service.

Many activities claim his attention and talents. In his home church, he served as soloist in the choir and sometimes conducted the vespers services. Rev. Wallace also enjoys spectator sports and drama.

Since coming to the Whiteville group in the fall, the recently ordained clergyman has instituted a community involvement program at the church with emphasis on recreation, childcare, housing and senior activities. He told the Friendship members that we need to "become aware of where we can go to get help for community problems."

Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Wallace, Sr., the new leader has exhibited charisma in his initial work and planning with the various auxiliaries. He has dreams of great progress for his new church.

Rev. Wallace and his wife, Ernestine, and their five year old daughter, Kimberly, and infant son, Johnnie, III, reside in Charlotte presently but will be at home in the new church parsonage off Pine Log Road, Whiteville upon its completion.

Witnessing the ceremony were several members of Rev. Wallace's family: his wife, daughter, son, mother, sister, and two brothers.

At the close of the service, the Wallaces and Kerrys joined the visitors and members in a Fellowship Dinner at the church.

PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL REGIONAL MEETING

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. held the annual session of the Southern Region No. 1, Dr. H. J. Hawkins, President, on February 22-24, 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Mount Zion Second Baptist Church, Dr. E. R. Searcy, Pastor.

Special addresses were delivered by Dr. L. V. Booth, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and Miss V. M. Ankrum, President of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Those making a distinct contribution to the program were, Rev. J. H. Ferguson, Rockingham, N. C. who gave the response to the welcome and Rev. O'Kelly Lawson of Wilmington, N. C. who gave the sermon of the convention. Lawson represented North Carolina well.

Among the others in attendance from North Carolina were J. J. Johnson, Elbert Lee, R. T. Gilchrist, Percy High, A. J. Thompson, F. K. Giles, R. A. Devoe and George W. Dudley. Several youth and Women of the State were also in attendance.

HARGRAVES AND MARNEY TO LEAD RETREAT

A two-day retreat and conference on human relations is scheduled at Camp Caraway, Asheboro, on May 22-23. The primary purpose of this retreat is to help black and whites find appropriate relationships with members of each other's race and to help people further understand the dynamics at work in race relations. Black and white pastors and laymen are encouraged to attend this conference.

Leaders for this conference will include Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University, Raleigh, and Dr. Carlyle Marney, founder of Interpreter's House, Lake Junaluska. Also, a tape by Keith Miller, popular author and business man, will be used as an aid in dialogue.

The total cost of the retreat for registration, insurance, rooms and meals is only \$5.00. However, accommodations are limited and advanced reservations should be made through the Department of Interracial Ministries, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. Checks may be made payable to "Baptist State Convention". The program for this conference is sponsored and planned by O. L. Sherrill and Corbin Cooper.

GOLDSTON NEWS

By D. W. HEADEN

This reporter is asking all the Baptist families who have already subscribed to our state paper **THE BAPTIST INFORMER** to renew their subscriptions for 1972 as early as possible. Those of you who subscribed through the Deep River Associations Convention, unions and the Goldston Community may do as you previously did. The rate this year is \$2.50 . . . Please let us hear from you soon.

Such matters can be attended to at the Minister-Deacons Union which will convene at Taylors Chapel Baptist Church, Route 4, Sanford, N. C., April 29-30, 1972. Report to your associational secretary of finance (D. W. Headen) or Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Siler City, Route 2 of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Auxiliary. The Deep River Baptists expect to do a bigger and better job this year in supporting the overall Baptist program including the state paper.

Expressions of Sympathy

The Deep River Association has lost by death the following devoted members and friends who will be deeply missed in our conventions. They are: Brother Sonnie Kersay of Sanford, a trustee and member of New Zion Baptist Church, Sanford and husband of Mrs. Clara Kersay, President of Deep River Ushers Union; Mrs. Pluma Lewis Foster, wi-

dow of the late Dr. O. P. Foster, former Moderator of the Deep River Association. Mrs. Foster is a retired school teacher, served on the Education Board and Chairman of the Finance Board of the Deep River Association. She was a devoted minister's wife, working side by side with her husband in all of his pastorates. Mrs. Foster was funeralized at the Solid Rock Baptist Church at Laurinburg, N. C. on February 14, 1972; Mrs. Lydlia Perry, of Sanford, widely known as "Mother Perry" died March 7. She was one of the pioneers of Taylors Chapel Baptist Church near Sanford where the young Rev. Gregory T. Headen is pastor. She has contributed her whole life of service to the Christian society for the promotion of religious education and brotherly love for all. She has two children who are in the ministry, the Rev. R. W. Perry and Rev. A. M. Hart, both are pastoring churches in North Carolina. Also, other members of her family are Christian men and women who have done good in life and making great progress.

Dr. Eugene B. Turner, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C. will be the guest speaker at Roberts Chapel Church, Goldston, Sunday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m. The pastor Rev. Sampson Buie, invites the public to attend. This special service is dedicated to the W. A. McLaughlin Memorial Community Center which is about to become a reality at Goldston. This effort is sponsored mainly by Black people.

1972 JAMES F. WERTZ B.T.U. ORATORICAL CONTEST SUBJECTS AND RULES FOR CONTEST

Subjects to be used are:

1. "When Conformity Is Right"
2. "Faith In Action"
3. "My Body A Living Sacrifice"
4. "Who Is A Steward?"
5. "I Am My Brother's Keeper"
6. "God's Will For My Life"
7. "My Relationships to God-Myself-Others"
8. "So What? Everybody Does It"
9. "My Responsibility To Be A Learner"
10. "Be Not Conformed To This World"
11. "What The Church Means To Me"
12. "When Do We Worship?"

Rules for the Contest:

1. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
2. Each contestant must compose his own speech.

It is permissible to quote from materials gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for quoted material.

3. Each contestant will have six minutes.
4. Each contestant must learn his own speech. Reading from a paper is not permissible.
5. Each contestant will be judged on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25%, Composition 25%, and Delivery 50%, for a possible total score of 100%.
6. The two top winners will receive scholarships to Shaw University, cash prizes if they do not wish to attend Shaw University.
7. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director. The contest is open to high school graduates, and college freshmen who are active BTU members.
8. Each contestant should be neatly dressed.
9. Names of the contestants will be given after report of judges.
10. Non-winning contestants will receive a certificate of Participation.
11. State B.T.U. Song is to be sung before the Oratorical Contest.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Convention. This, not only, is an opportunity, but a privilege.

Churches, Associations and District Conventions can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, county-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest and the winners of the local contest will compete at the state level. This would not only make it interesting but challenging as well.

The 1972 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest will be held during the annual meeting of the State Sunday School and BTU Congresses at the All Baptist Assembly, August 14-18, 1972, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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CONTINUATION OF REPORT MADE BY COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

(Continued from February Issue)

VI

ADEQUATE SUPPORT OF MINISTRY

WHEREAS, ministers have recently had to face rapidly rising costs of living while their duties have become more demanding, and

WHEREAS, the Baptist Churches of North Carolina need to strengthen their means of attracting and holding in their ministry well-prepared and competent leaders, and

WHEREAS, the Churches should make provision for the comfortable retirement of their ministers who have served them well through the years, just as is done for salaried personnel in other occupations and professions,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina: (1) Establish an official portfolio of information on ministers' salaries and retirement systems; and (2) Recommend to the churches salary schedules based on the preparation and experience of the minister, together with the ability of the church to pay; (3) Urge churches to place ministers on Social Security, as something which can be done immediately; and (4) Endorse a retirement system which is conducted by a well-known and reputable insurance company.

VII

THE INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

WHEREAS, it is a well-known psychological fact that the human mind accepts an idea which it has helped to develop better than it accepts an idea which has been thrust upon it by someone else, and that the mind frequently rejects ideas which it has not helped to formulate, and

WHEREAS, in many churches most of the planning is done by small boards consisting chiefly of men, with women and young people being generally omitted,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina endorse the inclusion of more people representing all divergent groups in a church on various boards and committees, embracing women, young people, the poor, and the less educated members; and that each church be encouraged to find means whereby every member can contribute to each new plan before it is accepted for the church as a whole.

VIII

DRUG ABUSE

WHEREAS, many people are finding themselves maladjusted in present-day society and are becoming addicted to the use of drugs,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we are not against the

controlled use of drugs under competent medical supervision for the treatment of physical and mental illness; but the non-medical use of narcotics and other dangerous drugs has no value in the search for God. These drugs disrupt normal functioning of the body and mind, and are known to cause temporary and permanent mental derangement.

God gave man free will. Man should develop and use this power intelligently, and not seek to circumvent the essential spiritual disciplines of religion by artificial means such as drugs. Drug use hinders rather than helps one's efforts to attain the lasting spiritual benefits of Christianity; and overcoming the effects of serious drug abuse could take an entire lifetime.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina go on record asserting that the practice of drug abuse is in complete opposition to the principles of the Christian religion and the tenets of the Baptist Faith; that as such, this Convention take a firm and positive stand against such practice, and urge upon all churches connected with this Body to set in motion programs of instruction and guidance, designed to avert this mal-practice.

IX

BIRTH CONTROL

WHEREAS, many people of both young and adult ages are demanding sexual freedom,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we as a convention believe the true purpose of sexual expression should be the creation of children made in the image of God, and as an expression of the pure love of the soul that is felt between marriage partners. We further believe that all parents deserve to have their children by choice rather than by chance, and that every baby deserves to be wanted. Therefore, we favor the judicious use of medically prescribed birth control measures for the purpose of family planning and the spacing of children.

However, we stand opposed to the indiscriminate use of contraceptive measures solely as a means of making sexual pleasure an end in itself, which in turn leads to such sinful practices as wife-swapping, pre-marital sex, and prostitution.

X

ABORTION

WHEREAS, during the last session of the North Carolina Legislature a bill was introduced to legalize the destruction of the human embryo after the child had been conceived.

BE IT RESOLVED, That we the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, believe that the human body is produced by an act of special creation by God, and is therefore a precious gift. Consequently, we are unalterably opposed to the taking of human life in any form,

whether it be in the villages and rice paddies of Vietnam, on the college campuses, within the prison walls of America, or in the womb of the mother. We deem human life to begin at the moment of conception, and any interruption of the pregnancy from that moment on is the taking of human life or committing murder. To us, the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," applies to all human life, both born and unborn. Finally, we stand foursquare against any liberalization of North Carolina's abortion laws.

XI

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVES FRYE AND JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the roots of Democracy are: (1) Social justice, given to us by the Hebrew prophets; (2) The ideal of the sacredness of the person, given to us by the New Testament; and (3) Liberty, given to us by the Protestant Reformation, and

WHEREAS, the powers that be are ordained of God, and

WHEREAS, our Christian faith calls upon us to participate, support, and challenge political life, seeking to make it an instrument of responsible social change and service, and

WHEREAS, Representative Henry E. Frye of Greensboro is an able Baptist layman, serving as a Sunday School Teacher and Deacon in the Providence Baptist Church, and is also a speaker for many Church groups; and Representative Joy J. Johnson is an able and progressive Baptist minister, serving as Pastor of the First Baptist Church at Fairmont, and

WHEREAS, Representative Frye has served ably in the North Carolina House of Representatives for the past two terms and Representative Johnson served capably for the last term, and

WHEREAS, both have served creatively, responsibly, and sacrificially, and

WHEREAS, Representative Frye, among other things, introduced several challenging and timely bills: to abolish capital punishment; to provide a uniform corporation law for towns and cities; to permit a judge to set aside an unconscionable contract; to prevent bad bills from becoming law; and to get equitable distribution of state funds, and

WHEREAS, Representative Johnson, among other things, introduced bills: to require equal employment in State and local governments; to create a commission on Indian Affairs; and to make it easier for a prisoner to regain citizenship,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we commend the respective districts that elected them to public office; commend and congratulate Representative Frye and Representative Johnson for their leadership, and extend to them our prayers, counsel, and support, in the pursuit of a humane and just society.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICES OF FORMER PRESIDENTS BUTLER AND HAWKINS

WHEREAS, the Baptist State Sunday School Convention and the State BTU Convention are auxiliary bodies to the General Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, these two auxiliary bodies serve highly significant ministries in their respective areas of concentration, and

WHEREAS, Mr. E. M. Butler served as president of the Baptist State S. S. Convention for a period of 30 years, during which tenure, he performed with diligence, efficiency, and distinction, and

WHEREAS, Mr. J. T. Hawkins served as president of the State BTU Convention for a period of many years, during which tenure, he performed with diligence, efficiency, and distinction, and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Butler and Mr. Hawkins are dedicated, and outstanding resourceful Christian leaders, and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Butler and Mr. Hawkins through their capable leadership services, over the years, have contributed, significantly, to the denominational interest, as well as to the total Christian cause, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler and Mr. Hawkins retired from their respective offices, as president of the Baptist State Sunday School Convention and as president of the Baptist State Training Union Convention, at the annual meeting of these bodies, the summer of 1971.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That:

1. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina go on record expressing the profound appreciation of this Body for the Christian statesmanship and exemplary leadership on the part of Messrs. Butler and Hawkins, and for their magnificent contributions to the Kingdom Program of Christ, during their long tenure of official service;
2. As a tangible token of the appreciation of this convention for the remarkable stewardship exemplified by these two gentlemen, the General Baptist State Convention go on record to secure for Mr. Butler and Mr. Hawkins appropriately engraved bronze plaques, and that the said plaques be awarded to Mr. Butler and Mr. Hawkins, at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention.

XIII

APPRECIATION OF HOSPITALITY

WHEREAS, it has been the high privilege of the members of the Laymen's League and the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc., to convene with the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church of Raleigh, and

WHEREAS, the pastor and member of this Church have offered their gracious hospitality to the messengers of this convention, and

WHEREAS, other pastors and congregations, along with the citizens of Raleigh have been most courteous to us in every way, and

WHEREAS, these conditions have made this series of meetings a most profitable and fruitful experience of Christian fellowship,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Laymen's League and the General State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., wholeheartedly express our appreciation to the pastor, Reverend W. B. Lewis, and the members of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church. We realize the great effort that was put forth by them to make this occasion successful.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That we express our sincere appreciation to the citizens of Raleigh for their concern that our sojourn here could be spent in safety within an atmosphere conducive to Christian fellowship.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to members of other Churches in Raleigh who have shown their concern for the success of this annual assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to the program committees of the General Baptist State Convention and of the Laymen's League for bringing to us Christian leaders who have challenged us to greater Christian service.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That we return to our respective fields of service with deeper Christian commitment and dedication to carry out the Great Commission that has been given to us as the servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

FINALLY, to the end that the general membership of our great Convention may have the full benefit of the Resolutions contained in this Report, and to the further end that other persons, specifically, referred to in this document may be apprised of our position on certain issues, and to the further end of providing enlightenment and inspiration for the general public,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED That copy of this Report be carried in the forthcoming issues of the **Baptist Informer**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, as far as is practical, copies of this Report be supplied to the Churches of this Convention, with the request that the contents of same be duly conveyed to the members of said churches, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to: President Richard Nixon; to Governor Robert Scott of North Carolina; to the Governors of the other States of the Union; to the Mayors and other Members of City Councils, and Chiefs of Police of the various municipalities in North Carolina; to the Superintendents of Public Instruction, and the Superintendents of the various local public school systems in North Carolina; and

to the Chairmen and Members of the Boards of County Commissioners of the State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy be released to the Associated Press, and that additional copies be released to members of the Negro Press.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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SHILOH PASTOR VISITS HOLY LAND

Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, recently returned to the states from a trip to the Holy Land.

Some of the places visited in Dr. Butler's tour were: Tel-Aviv—Jerusalem; Jerusalem (Old City) Bethlehem-Hebron; Jerusalem-Mount of Olives-Mount Zion-Ein Karem; Bethany-Jericho-Dead Sea Caves of Qumrah; Hablul-Sabastia-Nazareth-Tiberias; Capernaum-Mount of Beattitudes-Mount Tabor; Acre-Mount Carmel-Haifa-Caesarea-Tel Aviv; Tel Aviv-Athens; Corinth and from Athens to New York.

In the year 1971, Shiloh Baptist Church's Financial Income was \$101,759.06 and gained 165 additional members. The budget for the 1972 year has been adopted by Shiloh Baptist Church in the amount of \$108,572.98 out of a possible \$125,000.00 income.

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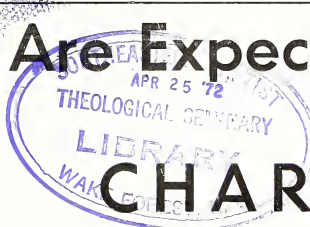
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AT

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The Reverend Coleman W. Kerry, Pastor

MAY 9

12 Noon — MODERATOR'S CONFERENCE

MAY 10

10:00 A.M. — ONE DAY SESSION

OF THE

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N. C. Council of Churches To Meet April 30 - May 2

AT THE
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35TH ANNUAL MEETING - NORTH CAROLINA
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - UNITED WOMEN

APRIL 30-MAY 2, 1972

The State Assembly of Church Women United in North Carolina begins at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, with dinner at University Baptist Church, University Square, Chapel Hill. Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey, National CWU President, will give the keynote address on "According to Your Faith: Grow in Love and Understanding."

The women's program on Monday will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, 1712 Willow Drive. Speakers will include Mrs. Harvey and Dr. Guion Johnson.

Following the Church Women United State Assembly and the Pastors' Conference, the 35th Assembly of the N. C. Council of Churches will begin with a Fellowship Dinner on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. at University Baptist Church. Worship afterward will be led by Suruban Partners, a community of young adults based in Durham.

N. C. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES 1972 PASTOR'S CONFERENCE will begin on May 1, 1972 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The theme: "HOW TO BE GOD'S MAN WITHOUT PLAYING GOD".

Speakers will include: Dr. George B. Thomas, Project Director, Religious Heritage of the Black World, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta; Dr. Carlyle Marney, Executive Director, Interpreters' House, Lake Junaluska; Dr. William B. Oglesby, Jr., Professor of Pastoral Counseling, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; The Reverend George M. Webb, Pastor, Shelby Presbyterian Church, Shelby, N. C.

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Questions and discussions will follow the addresses.

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NOW IS THE TIME

1972 is a political year. Our nation, states, counties and cities are filled with candidates running for political office. May 6 is the time when all registered voters will have the opportunity to go to their respective polling places and cast their votes for the candidates of their choice.

There is a candidate running for the United States House of Representatives from the Second Congressional District. He is fully prepared and equipped to really represent all of the people of the Second Congressional District and the people of North Carolina. He is Howard N. Lee, Mayor of Chapel Hill. He has more than proven his worth as a Mayor and as a former Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Party in North Carolina. He proposes an active, people centered kind of representation in Washington. He is a tall man in stature, mind and spirit. We need Howard Lee in Congress.

The people should do everything possible to send Joy J. Johnson back to the North Carolina House of Representatives. He proved himself as a great statesman in the last General Assembly.

Let us make things work by voting May 6.
Now is the time.

EDITOR SERVES IN FAIRMONT

Dr. Joy J. Johnson has a great following in the First Baptist Church, Fairmont. He is a powerful pastor. I had the unique privilege of being the revival preacher in his great church, March 20-21. The people gathered in large numbers each night and many souls came to Christ. I could greatly appreciate preaching for Dr. Johnson for many reasons, but prominent was the fact that he preaches a gospel to reach the whole man. I believe in this.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: The Editor
Baptist Informer

From: C. R. Edwards, President

Brothers and Sisters of the Convention:

We shall be looking to see all of you at the One Day Session of our Convention on May 10th at Friendship Baptist Church in Charlotte. The Pastor, The Reverend Coleman W. Kerry is making extensive preparation for us in his spacious Church facility. We look forward to a rich spiritual fellowship. A program has been planned that will inspire us all.



A new feature has been added for this one day session. The Moderators will have a luncheon meeting on May 9th at 12:00 noon and a workshop session from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Then that night at 7:30, a sermon will be delivered by the Reverend E. W. Wooten of Jacksonville with the famed Gospel choir of the host Church providing the singing.

Along with all of the fellowship and inspiration, we need to bring a liberal contribution from the Associations, the Unions and the Churches. Please brethren and sisters, let us make a special effort to make this One Day Session the best — financially and spiritually.

Thank you for your support in the past and I shall look forward to seeing you in Charlotte.

Your President,
C. R. EDWARDS

NEWS FROM LISBON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, CLINTON

REV. H. R. COGDELL, Pastor

A Regional meeting of the General Baptist State Convention was held at the Lisbon Street Church on March 20. The meeting was presided over by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.; assisted by Reverend Leo Williams, Director of the Department of Christian Education and Reverend Corbin Cooper of the Baptist State Convention.

Pastor Cogdell made the welcome to the group.

The Pastor's Aid Club of this church met on Sunday, March 26. This circle is progressing nicely. It is striving to help build up Christ's Kingdom here on earth. The club has as its objectives: (1) To

help small needs of the pastor, (2) to visit and give to the sick and needy members of the church or give help wherever it can for the Master.

The officers of this club are: Mrs. R. M. Williams, President; Miss Sadie Shaw, Secretary; Mrs. Mamie McL. Faison, Reporter for the Church.

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May 9-10

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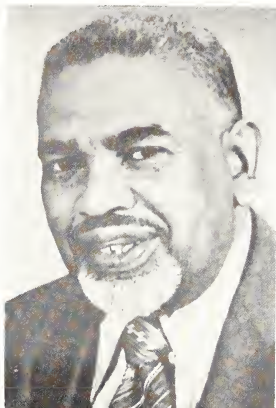
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RETREAT SCHEDULED AT CAMP CARAWAY

A two-day retreat and conference on human relations is scheduled at Camp Caraway, Asheboro, on May 22-23. The primary purpose of this retreat is to help blacks and whites find appropriate relationships with members of each other's race and to help people further understand the dynamics at work in race relations. Black and white pastors and laymen are encouraged to attend this conference.

Leaders for this conference will include Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University, Raleigh, and Dr. Carlyle Marney, founder of Interpreter's House, Lake Junaluska. Also, a tape by Keith Miller, popular author and business man, will be used as an aid in dialogue.

The total cost of the retreat for registration, insurance, rooms and meals is only \$5.00. However, accommodations are limited and advanced reservations should be made through the Department of Interracial Ministries, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. Checks may be made payable to "Baptist State Convention". The program for this conference is sponsored and planned by O. L. Sherrill and Corbin Cooper.

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Tentative program for a two-day retreat at
Camp Caraway near Asheboro, N. C.

PROGRAM

Monday Afternoon—May 22, 1972

O. L. Sherrill, Presiding

1:30—Registration

2:30—Address — "Church Power: A Challenge to Black Christians", Carlyle Marney

3:10—General Discussion

3:30—Address — "White Nigger", Keith Miller (tape)

4:15—Small Group Discussion

5:30—Supper

Monday Evening—May 22, 1972

Corbin Cooper, Presiding

6:30—Address — "Church Power: A Challenge to White Christians", J. Archie Hargraves

(Continued on page 8)

HUMAN RELATIONS RETREAT

Camp Caraway
Asheboro, North Carolina
MAY 22-23, 1972

____ Please reserve a room for me. Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 for registration, insurance, room and meals. (Make checks payable to "Baptist State Convention".) No private rooms.

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Brown's Chapel Church, Clinton Celebrates Centennial 1871 - 1971

The pastor, Reverend L. A. Melvin, members and friends of the Brown's Chapel Baptist Church celebrated its Centennial in January, 1972. The church was founded by Joseph Sampson, Henry Royal and Simon Hobbs, and has grown from a small wooden edifice to the present brick structure.

The following pastors have served the church over the years: Reverend Daniel Best, forty years; Reverend S. T. Shives, sixteen years; Rev. J. M. Saunders, six years; Dr. John L. Tilley, four years; Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, six years; Rev. A. L. Thompson, one year; Dr. H. H. Bobbitt, ten years and Rev. L. A. Melvin, seventeen years, our present pastor.

The program featured as our guest speaker for the morning and evening worship service the former pastor, Dr. H. H. Bobbitt. Dr. Bobbitt had the longest number of years of service at Brown's Chapel, prior to our present pastor. Dr. Bobbitt is now

pastoring the Salem Baptist Church, Jersey City, New Jersey. Special music was rendered by Rev. Swinson of Baltimore, Md. The evening service featured as guest, the Lisbon Street Baptist Choir, and pastor, Rev. H. R. Cogdell, the Singing Stars, with Mrs. Tillie McLamb, accompanist and Mr. Joe Michell with Rev. J. L. White, accompanist.

Many donations were given in honor of, and in memory of loved ones; with the largest amount of \$100.00 from Mrs. Minnie Stevens of Washington, D. C. in memory of her husband, Deacon Percy Stevens.

A collection of pictures from the past to the present was put on display in the church.

The members and friends of the Brown's Chapel Church also celebrated the Seventeenth Anniversary and Birthday of our pastor, which was the first Sunday in February.

Rev. Melvin has served well in the past seventeen years and we are planning for an extended future. A cash donation was given him honoring the two events.

Hickory Woman Chosen N. C. Mother of Year in Raleigh



Mrs. E. T. Moore

Mrs. E. T. (Esther) Moore of Hickory, one of 13 children born of slave ancestry and the first black woman to register to vote in Catawba County, was named N. C. Mother of the Year at a luncheon in Raleigh recently.

Nominated by the Catawba County Chapter of the League of Women Voters and holder of the Catawba County Mother of the Year award, Mrs. Moore will represent North Carolina in New York City May 8-12 where the National Mother of the Year will be named.

Sponsored by the N. C. counterpart of the American Mother's Committee, the annual state competition this year included 15 regional nominees from which Mrs. Moore was chosen.

On hand as guest speaker for the luncheon was Mrs. R. G. LeTourneau, the American Mother of the Year in 1969 and president of the national committee this year, and Mrs. Robert W. (Bob) Scott, wife of the governor.

In Hickory Since '26

Mrs. Moore is the mother of three children, all of whom have earned either their doctor of philosophy degree or a master of arts degree. She moved to Hickory in 1926 as an elementary school teacher and was cited by the Catawba County League of Women Voters in her nomination for both her service to her family and to the community as a teacher, guide and civic participant.

Her eldest daughter, Mrs. McKinley (Beatrice) Smith is an assistant professor of home economics at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. Her

son, Edmund Thomas Moore, Jr., is a professor at Johnson C. Smith University, living in Greensboro, while the youngest daughter, Mrs. Edward (Marie Antoinette) Fuller is a physical education teacher at Grandview Junior High School.

Mrs. Fuller accompanied her mother to Raleigh for the luncheon.

After earning her college degree, Mrs. Moore began her teaching career in 1920 in Alabama, moving to South Carolina to a high school teaching position before locating in Hickory with her husband, E. T. Moore, Sr., in 1926. Mr. Moore taught in the Hickory School system for 29 years serving for a time as principal of East Hickory Elementary School prior to his death in 1969.

Constantly Active

Mrs. Moore has been involved here as an organizer of the auxiliary to Post 9881 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Hickory Civic Women's Club, as a member of the American Association University Women and with the League of Women Voters. In addition she is active in Women in Community Service and through the years has been involved in church work.

Mrs. Moore was cited by T. Cass Ballenger, chairman of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners, in her nomination "for her many hours of working towards equal rights for women and minority groups and for her efforts in behalf of providing adequate low cost housing in the Hickory community." Ballenger added that through many hardships and financial hardtimes she had steadfastly encouraged her children as well as other children to aspire to community service through education.

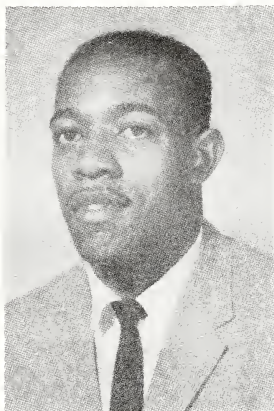
MIDDLE DISTRICT UNION HOLDS INSTITUTE

The Middle District Union of the Old Eastern M. B. Association held its Second Annual Institute March 6-10, 1972, at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in Greenville, N. C. The week was highlighted with teachings by Dr. E. B. Turner, Dr. O. L. Sherrill and Dr. C. R. Edwards. The preaching each evening was done by Dr. Sandy F. Ray, Pastor, of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York.

Classes were taught in Church Music, Ministerial Ethics, Church Ethics, Church Policy, Christian Doctrines as well as Ladies, Youth and Deacons classes. A total of 1,350 people attended during the week.

Reverend W. S. Wilson is Moderator; Reverends B. B. Felder, W. B. Moore were Co-Chairmen of the Institute.

MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH INSTALLS PASTOR



Rev. Marvin Connelly

The Reverend Marvin Connelly of Valdese, N. C. was called to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church on December 8, 1971.

Installation services were held on March 26, 1972 and the Installation sermon was delivered by Rev. R. N. Lockhart, Moderator of the Mountain and Catawba Association. He also presided over the service.

Others included on the program were: Reverends W. F. McIntash, Jr., Pastor, Greens Presbyterian Church, Morganton; G. A. Dula, Pastor, Liberty Grove Baptist Church, Taylorsville; and John D. Bratton, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Drexel.

Reverend Connelly is married to the former Doris Morris. They have four children: Marviena, Gaither, Cynthia and Marvin, Jr. The Connelly's reside in Valdese, N. C. at present.

THE MOTHER IN THE HOUSE

For such as you, I do believe,
Spirits their softest carpets weave,
And spread them out with gracious hand
Wherever you walk, wherever you stand.
For such as you, of scent and dew
Spirits their rarest nectar brew,
And where you sit and where you sup
Pour beauty's elixir in your cup.
For all day long, like other folk,
You bear the burden, wear the yoke,
And yet when I look in your eyes at eve
You are lovelier than ever, I do believe.

Rev. Davis Leads Middle Ground Union To Great Success

By H. L. MITCHELL

The Rev. W. H. Davis of Edenton, who is a pastor and evangelist and also President of the Chowan Credit Union, and Treasurer of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, is a very successful moderator of the Middle Ground Union Meeting. The Middle Ground Union Meeting is one of



Rev. W. H. Davis

three union meetings in the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association. This Union is made up of thirty-one churches. Meetings are held each Saturday before the fifth Sunday and each fifth Sunday. All three of the unions come together for a joint meeting on the last fifth Sunday and Saturday before the last fifth Sunday in the year.

Rev. W. H. Davis, who has been the Moderator of the Middle Ground Union for quite a number of years, has so organized this union that practically all of the thirty-one churches attend the meetings, at which time, the total program of the Association and General Baptist State Convention is discussed. There is usually a sermon by the moderator and an inspirational or doctrinal sermon by a pastor.

During the last meeting, gifts and offerings amounted to \$693.19. This money is used to help the association with the total program, a part of which is training ministers at Roanoke Institute which is a unit of Shaw University.

Rev. Davis is pastor of Welches Chapel Baptist Church of Tyner, Mt. Carmel of Elizabeth City and First Baptist, Conway.

LAYMEN AT WORK

By WILLIE BURRIS

The St. Luke Baptist Church, Charlotte is still growing under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. L. D. Parker. Another minister has come out of this leadership. The former Deacon Vernon Worthy has been ordained to the Christian ministry. Also, two young men have been added to the Deacon Board.

The Laymen of St. Luke Church went to Harrisburg on February 29 to install a Laymen League at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. H. E. Johnson is Pastor.

We have been trying to do the work of Christian laymen as we were instructed by Dr. E. B. Turner at the Laymen League Convention held at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in November, 1971.

With the help of the Lord and our pastor, Rev. Parker, we hope to carry out the theme: "The Church and Radical Missions."

MIDDLE DISTRICT HOLDS INSTITUTE

By MARGARET A. MILLS

The Woman's Department of the Middle District Association held its Missionary Institute the first two weeks in February, 1972.

The instructors were Mrs. A. L. Filmore, President of Durham and Mrs. L. M. Mack of Wallace, N. C. It was one of the best sessions ever.

Our main study text was taken from the Book of Job. They were two very busy and exciting weeks of study. Sister Filmore was at her best, in spite of a very busy schedule day and night. We pray that the Lord will renew her both physically and mentally.

RETREAT SCHEDULED—(Cont. from page 4)

7:10—General Discussion

7:30—Address — "White Nigger" (continued)
Keith Miller (tape)

8:15—Small Group Discussion

Tuesday Morning—May 23, 1972

A. D. Moseley, Presiding

7:30—Breakfast

8:30—Address — "Black Victory: A Hope for ALL Christians", Carlyle Marney

9:10—General Discussion

9:30—Small Group Discussion

10:30—Evaluation

11:00—Address — J. Archie Hargraves

12:00—Lunch and Conclusion

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 13-18—National S. S. and Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention of America, Detroit, Michigan

June 19-24—National Baptist S. S. and B.T.U. Congress of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Wichita, Kansas

June 19-24—The Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Akron, Ohio

August 14-18—All Baptist Assembly - General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh

August 28-Sept. 1—Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Norfolk, Virginia

Sept. 5-10—National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Fort Worth, Texas

Sept. 5-10—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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CONVENTION MOVING FORWARD

The General Baptist State Convention of N. C. under the powerful leadership of Dr. C. R. Edwards, President and Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary held a history making Mid-year session with the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte where the convention's secretary, Coleman W. Kerry Jr. is pastor.

In the spacious new building of Friendship that only the mind of Coleman Kerry could have designed, on Tuesday, May 9, a new feature of the Convention's Mid-year session was successfully carried out. A Moderators' Clinic was effectively initiated with the Rev. J. M. Kennedy of Charlotte, presiding. The meeting opened with a Moderators Luncheon that had as the feature speaker, President C. R. Edwards. The Unified Program was ably presented to the moderators by Executive Secretary Sherrill. A Workshop was conducted by Moderators A. T. Alston, B. L. Rich, F. L. Bullock, A. L. Bell and L. E. Simpson.

To climax the Moderators' Clinic, an Evening Workshop Service was conducted with a powerful sermon delivered by the Rev. E. W. Wooten, Pastor, Sandy Run Baptist Church, Jacksonville and Moderator of the Trent River-Oakey Grove Association. Pastor Kerry welcomed the convention and we were lifted to heaven by the great choir of Friendship.

On Wednesday, May 10, the convention was in session with President Edwards, presiding. Dr. W. T. Bigelow, Pastor of the Greater St. Paul Church, Durham delivered a dynamic sermon on "The Miracles of Combined Operation".

The afternoon sermon was ably delivered by the Rev. H. B. Ferguson. Greetings were extended by H. V. Bryant, W. C. Somerville and J. Archie Hargraves. The Committee on Low Moderate Income Housing was continued and the convention is giving much thought to the Housing situation.

Another very encouraging development at this session was the financial report. Receipts collected — \$48,567.35 with a previous balance of \$299,710.98 to make a total of \$348,278.33 collected thus far of our budget of \$471,000.00. This leaves an approximate balance of \$122,721.67, in order to reach our goal by August 31, 1972. Support of our budget has significantly increased this year. All reports indicate that we are much nearer our goal than any previous year.

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE AT WORK

The following are excerpts from the Political Action Committee Report made at the One Day Session.

Mr. President and Members of the Delegation Here Assembled:

The issues before the black churches and this convention today reach beyond that of religious business, beyond singing, shouting, enjoying a good sermon and focusing on the salvation of the souls of men. The political soul of our state and nation is now at stake.

There is a movement on in America to halt the wheels of progress, to turn back the clock of justice and to change the laws of this state and nation to curtail our rights, privileges and freedoms as a race. Therefore, protecting our rights is not like other issues which can be put aside, ignored until another meeting of this body; because lost political opportunities are like feathers in the wind which might never be recaptured.

All around us are threatening signs like ANTI-busing, ANTI-blackness and ANTI-Civil Rights. These Anti prophets are growing by leaps and bounds, and their doctrines could easily explode into bus-burning, the beating of black school children and widespread fighting in the streets and schools

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unless the reason is brought to bear. This can only be done by putting in office men of integrity who can act now to save our schools, our state and our nation.

The political anti freedom hounds are barking at the gates of our cities waiting to lick our blood. Once they are fully loosed, it will be too late to speak or add the ingredients of reason. Once they are loosed, already highly heated campaigns of hate will become hotter than a fiery furnace; because each political office seeker will be striving to out-Wallace the other to get in office. The choice is ours concerning what we want our schools, this state and this nation to be. The answer lies behind the black curtain at the ballot box.

Press Release

The General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc., is composed of 350,000 communicants meeting at the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina in its mid-year session. The Reverend Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., Pastor, voiced his condemnation of the Vietnam war and voted unanimously to send to the President of the United States of America a telegram condemning the war and asking the President to use the power of his office to end the war and bring our fighting troops home immediately.

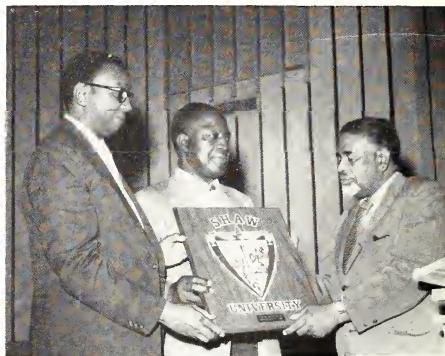
Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, North Carolina is chairman of the committee. The Political Action Committee is composed of 100 leaders from across the state.

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O. L. Sherrill and C. R. Edwards

Receive Plaque

From Shaw University



Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention and Dr. C. R. Edwards, President, receive plaque from Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University at the recent One Day Session of the General Baptist Convention at Friendship Church, Charlotte, Reverend C. W. Kerry, Pastor.

The plaque was presented to the convention as an expression of appreciation for its loyalty and outstanding support to the University.

Woman's Page----

Winston-Salem and Vicinity WHY STAND YE IDLE?

By MRS. M. A. HORNE

Winston-Salem and Vicinity are traveling **New Paths and Reaching New Heights in Training and Missions.** The Annual Forsyth County Training Institute was held the latter part of April at the First Baptist Church, Dr. David R. Hedgley, Minister. Theme for the week's study "New Techniques To Improve Old Methods." Classes and Instructors were:

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| Senior Mission | Mrs. J. A. Little, Monroe |
| Sunday School | Dr. K. O. P. Goodwin |
| Deacons | Dr. Jerry Drayton |
| Ushers | Dr. J. Ray Butler |
| Young Adult | Mrs. Bronnie Daniels |
| Leaders of Youth | Mrs. Dorothy H. Blount |
| Youth | Mesdames Wyvetra Carter, Samuel McFadden |

Sponsors and President were — The Forsyth Missionary Union, Mrs. C. N. Hayes, Sunday School Union, J. T. Jackson; Ushers Union, M. J. Murray; Deacons Union, W. H. Gwyn; Youth Union, Mrs. Erma Frazier.

Mrs. K. R. Williams of Winston-Salem State University captivated her audience as she ably discussed "Church Etiquette." The Reverend E. L. Grant was at his best as the inspirational speaker.

The average attendance each session was over 200. Mrs. M. A. Horne served as director. The 1973 Training Institute will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Minister.

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Following the 5th Sunday in April, the Missionary and Educational Union of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, the Reverend W. C. Hay, President, forwarded to the General Baptist State Convention for Objectives \$8,572.50. The following Sunday (May 7) the Forsyth Missionary Union through its Annual Missionary Mass Meeting forwarded to the Woman's Convention for Objectives \$3,516.25. Total \$12,088.75. WHY STAND YE IDLE? The spacious sanctuary of First Baptist Church was filled with Seniors, Young Adults, Youth, Ministers and Laymen. Dr. J. Ray Butler stirred the sisters as he proclaimed the gospel. Theme: "From Slavery To The Cross".

MRS. JENNIE E. HALL GUEST SPEAKER



Mrs. Jennie E. Hall will be the featured speaker Thursday (Woman's Night) June 15, at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Hall, from Washington, D. C., is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Washington; president of its Peter Hayes Memorial Club; Editor of the Lott Carey Herald; Dean of the Education Department of the National Association of Minister's Wives and leader of many civic and religious organizations.

The eloquence of Mrs. Hall will move all hearts. She will speak on the theme "The Role Of The Church In The Liberation Of The Oppressed." Music by the Good Hope Baptist Church Choir, the Reverend C. R. Trotter, pastor. "Woman's Night" is dress up Night. (formal or informal).

YOUTH BIBLE CAMP Leadership Training Conference

By EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE

The 35TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE, and the 21ST ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP AND CHARM CLINIC, will be held June 12-16, 1972, with The Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. We trust you have been thinking and praying with and for us concerning this great program. The Lord has

blessed us mightily in the past years and we are looking forward to one of the greatest meetings we have ever had. The program looks that way.

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| University Park, Charlotte, Dr. T. A. Watkins (former Pastor) | 400.00 |
| Sandy Grove, Lumberton, Rev. O'Kelly Lawson (former Pastor) | 200.00 |
| Emmanuel, Gastonia, Rev. J. H. Whitfield | 100.00 |
| Hilly Branch, Lumberton, Rev. J. M. Dunham ... | 450.00 |
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 13-18—National S. S. and Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention of America, Detroit, Michigan
- June 19-24—National Baptist S. S. and B.T.U. Congress of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Wichita, Kansas
- June 19-24—The Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Akron, Ohio
- August 14-18—All Baptist Assembly - General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh
- August 23-Sept. 1—Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Norfolk, Virginia
- Sept. 5-10—National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
- Sept. 5-10—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. W. T. Bigelow was called to the St. Paul Church in June of 1965. Occupying an old building for three months after Pastor Bigelow accepted the call, he was able to rally the congregation in planning and beginning construction of a spacious new edifice. During the demolition and construction period, the congregation worshipped in the E. D. Mickle Recreation Center where over 200 new members were added.

This dynamic minister led his congregation into the new building in February of 1966 and at the present has on roll 1,489 members. This edifice was paid for in fifteen months. It has many of the minister's personal designs and seats four-hundred sixty.

On May 9th, 1971 at 3:00 p.m. Ground Breaking Ceremony was held at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church with the Reverend J. A. Brown presiding. The need for additional space became germane. Today the new building is under construction with plans of completion scheduled for June 21, 1972. This building will seat seven hundred people.

Dr. Bigelow's "Tithing Program" is still effective. The members are very dedicated to this program. He has led this church into the upper bracket of financial support for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Lott Carey Convention as well as the National Baptist Stewardship Program.

This active minister, a board member of the National Baptist Convention, was the keynote speaker for the annual convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas in January, 1972. He brought the message to the General Baptist State Convention in Charlotte, North

Carolina on May 10, 1972.

Dr. Bigelow has traveled to the Holy Land three times, returning the last time in February, 1972. He is making plans to return to the Holy Land in July, 1973.

This active minister does a Gospel Program in the mornings and afternoons five days a week on radio station WSRC. He also broadcasts the international Sunday School lesson at 7:00 a.m. each Sunday over WSRC.

He holds the Bachelor of Theology and Doctor of Divinity degrees. He received his BTh from Bible Training Institute at Goldsboro, N. C. and his DD from the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg. He's also done post graduate studies at the Southeastern Theological Seminary of Wake Forest, N. C. and at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, Ill.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Church is among the leading spiritual centers of Durham. Our prayer is that GOD will continue leading this great man that he in return can continue to lead this great body of people.

HONORARY CELEBRATION

The Fellowship Hall, of the Bethel "A" Baptist Church, on Sunday, February 20, 1972, was the scene of a beautiful reception, honoring Miss Mable E. Sharp, who has finished thirty years of service as Financial Secretary.

This event was sponsored by the ladies of the Mission Circle. Music was rendered by the Choir #2. Refreshments were served. Miss Sharp had served under the pastorate of the following Pastors: Rev. L. C. Ivey, D. C. Hall, Dr. S. A. Raper and the present pastor, Rev. F. H. Goldsmith.

She was presented a Bronze plaque, with the inscription, "In appreciation for Thirty years of continuous service as Secretary of the Bethel "A" Baptist Church". This was presented by the Pastor, F. H. Goldsmith and was accompanied by a check.

Convention Men Receive Honorary Degree From Shaw University

During the Commencement Exercises of Shaw University, Sunday, April 23, three convention ministers received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees for their outstanding leadership in the convention, the community and the nation.

They were: H. L. Mitchell, Gatesville; Nilous M. Avery, Asheville; and W. B. Lewis, Raleigh.

CHESTNUT GROVE HOLDS INSTALLATION SERVICE

Installation Services for the Reverend Felix Bailey, Jr., new pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church of Statesville were conducted on February 13, 1972 at the church.

The Rev. S. B. Brown, Pastor, Knox Grove Baptist Church, Cleveland, North Carolina gave the Installation message. Rev. Brown chose I Thessalonians 12:21 as his Text. His subject "Know Your Office". He admonished the pastor, deacons, and laymen to know their office and each perform this duty to the best of his ability; looking for ways and means to improve the church programs through prayer, service and performance.

During the services Rev. Brown charged Rev. Bailey, the deacons, the local church choirs, and church membership with their duties respectively. Rev. Bailey was presented an offering by the church as a token of their love. He used this to buy a beautiful clerical robe.

The following ministers were present to share in the services: Rev. J. E. Palmer, Vice Moderator of the Mountain and Catawba Association; Rev. Legrant, Rev. Stevenson, Rev. Bell, Rev. McCaskill, and Rev. McClelland. This being Rev. Bailey's first church, each minister charged the church members to assist, encourage and be willing to accept Rev. Bailey's leadership as an enthusiastic, energetic, young pastor. If we are to make progress in the times in which we find ourselves, we must have an open mind.

Rev. Bailey is a native of Iredell County and is presently employed as an Insurance Agent with the Independent Life Insurance Co.

His formal training includes attending public elementary and High school in Iredell and Rowan Counties. He is now attending Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, North Carolina.

Rev. Bailey is the son of the late Felix Bailey and Mrs. Mattie Bailey. Being an energetic, ambitious, enthusiastic person, he has dreams of great progress for his new church.

Rev. Bailey and his wife, Grace, their five daughters and two sons live at 420 N. Race St., Statesville, North Carolina.

The services were climaxed with dinner for the members and friends.

Editor Elected To City Council

Our Editor of the **Baptist Informer**, Rev. George W. Dudley was elected to the Rocky Mount City Council in a city-wide election Tuesday, May 2. Rev. Dudley has exemplified dynamic leadership in Rocky Mount through the years as pastor of First Mount Zion Baptist Church. The confidence in his ability was clearly shown throughout the city when he swept every precinct in his race for the election.

He is the first Black to serve on the Rocky Mount City Council.

REGIONAL MEETING HELD

By CLIFTON STONE

Secretary, New Hope Union Meeting

The Regional Meeting of the General Baptist State Convention for the New Hope and East Cedar Grove Associations, was held at the Greater White Rock Baptist Church, South Fayetteville St., Durham, N. C. on Wednesday, April 26, 1972, Dr. L. A. Lynch, host Minister.

Rev. Corbin Cooper and Rev. Leo Williams were the representatives from the State Convention. The devotion began at 10:00 A.M. with the Rev. E. T. Thompson leading, assisted by Mrs. Lattice Vickers, both of the New Hope Association.

After a statement of purpose by Rev. J. R. Burt, Moderator of the New Hope Association and remarks by Rev. S. P. Biggers, Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association, Rev. Williams discussed the topic, "The Church and Its Educational Outreach". This was followed by Rev. Corbin Cooper, speaking on "The True Nature of The Church".

Following these presentations, a general question and answer session was held and there was much response. About fifty persons were in attendance.

The combined finance report of both associations and the public offering was a little over \$800.00. District Number Two of the New Hope Association, served a very fine lunch following the session and we adjourned to meet together May 9-10 at the Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, in the one-day-session.

Deep River Association Holds One Day Session in Siler City

By D. W. HEADEN, Reporter

The 6th Avenue Baptist Church of Siler City was host to the Deep River Baptist Association's One Day Session on May 6 with the Moderator, Rev. A. T. Alston, presiding.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. David Jones, Pastor of the New Bensalem Baptist Church, Robbins, North Carolina.

The moderator requested each church represent in the General Baptist State Convention's One Day Session in Charlotte, May 10.

Mr. D. W. Headen was elected to represent the Deep River Association at the Charlotte meeting.

The following contributions were reported:

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| Deep River Association, Rev. A. T. Alston, Moderator | \$100.00 |
| Edward Grove Baptist Church, Rev. M. P. McCleave | 100.00 |
| New Zion, Jonesboro, Rev. E. N. Hooker | 75.50 |
| Oakland Baptist, Ramseur, Rev. J. E. Lucas | 68.00 |
| Lambert Chapel, Rev. D. F. Brown | 51.25 |
| Red Hill Baptist, Cameron, Rev. E. N. Hooker | 50.00 |
| Taylor's Chapel, Sanford, Rev. Gregory T. Headen .. | 40.00 |
| First, Baptist, Pittsboro, Rev. D. D. Siler | 35.00 |
| Pine Ridge Baptist, Sanford, Rev. D. D. Siler | 35.00 |
| Butlers Chapel Baptist, Rev. A. T. Alston | 35.00 |
| Roberts Chapel, Goldston, Rev. Sampson Buie | 35.00 |
| White Oak Baptist, Lillington, Rev. T. O. Davis | 35.00 |
| St. John, Climax, Rev. A. B. Bass | 35.00 |
| Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Siler City, Rev. James E. Brown | 35.00 |
| Mt. Olive, Moncure, Rev. L. B. Cameron | 35.00 |
| New Bensalem, Robbins, Rev. David Jones | 35.00 |

(To Be Continued)

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Our profound sympathies go out to Mrs. E. Burns Turner and family of Lumberton in the loss of her beloved mother who was funeralized on Tuesday, May 9.

We extend our sympathies also, to Reverend A. L. Daye and family of Williamston in the passing of his beloved mother.

BEATITUDES FOR THE HOME

Blessed is the home where God is at home and where the spirit of Christ rules.

Blessed is the home where children are welcomed and given their rightful place.

Blessed is the home having a church home where father, mother, and children worship regularly together.

Blessed is the home where each puts the other's happiness first.

Blessed is the home where all show their love in ways that mean the most to those they love.

Blessed is the home where each seeks to bring out the best in the other and to show his own best self at all times.

Blessed is the home where all have learned to face their daily problems in a Christian spirit and to disagree without being disagreeable.

Blessed is the home where children grow up and grown-ups do not act like children.

Blessed is the home having the assurance of a heavenly home.

—Theodore F. Adams

Social Security News

A 1972 graduate will need a social security number for that first job. If you don't already have one, any social security office will help you.

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The maximum earnings creditable under social security in 1972 is \$9,000. The contribution rate is 5.2%

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Almost all social security business can be handled by telephone. Call your nearest office to file a claim. If you receive benefits, call to report any change of address or terminating event.

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Benefits may be paid to children under 18 and students between 18 and 22 on a deceased mother's earnings under social security as well as a deceased father's work.

MEN OF WISDOM

He who cherishes a beautiful ideal in his heart, will one day realize it. Columbus cherished a vision of another world, and he discovered it; Copernicus fostered the vision of a multiplicity of worlds and a wider universe, and he revealed it; Buddha beheld the vision of a spiritual world of stainless beauty and perfect peace, and he entered into it. Cherish your visions; cherish your ideals; cherish the music that stirs in your heart, the beauty that forms in your mind, the loveliness that drapes your purest thoughts, for out of them will grow all delightful conditions, all heavenly environment; of these, if you but remain true to them, your world will at last be built.

—James Allen

PRESCRIPTION FOR LIVING

When in sorrow, read John 14.
 When men fail you, Psalm 27.
 When you have sinned, Psalm 51.
 When you worry, Matthew 6:19-34.
 Before church service, Psalm 84.
 When you are in danger, Psalm 91.
 When you have the blues, Psalm 34.
 When God seems far away, Psalm 139.
 When you are discouraged, Isaiah 40.
 If you desire to be fruitful, John 15.
 When doubts come upon you, John 7:17.
 When you are lonely or fearful, Psalm 33.
 When you forget your blessings, Psalm 103.
 For Jesus' idea of a Christian, Matthew 5.
 For Jesus' idea of religion, James 1:19-27.
 For stirring of Faith, Hebrews 11.
 When you feel down and out, Romans 8:31-39.
 When you lack courage for your task, Joshua 1.
 When the world seems bigger than God, Psalm 90.
 When you want Christian assurance, Romans 8:1-30.
 When you leave home for labor or travel, Psalm 121.
 When you grow bitter or critical, I Cor. 13.
 For Paul's idea of Christianity, II Cor. 5:15-19.
 For Paul's rules on how to get along with men,

Romans 12.

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| | 100% | \$343,000.00 |
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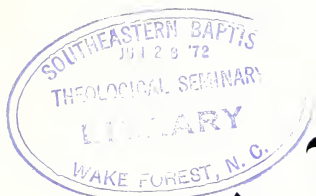
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The General Baptist State Convention through its Political Action Committee led the convention into a new dimension of progress when it became involved in the political arena. For the first time, our Baptist family became directly involved in an organized manner in the endorsement of candidates that the committee, headed by Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, along with a small committee, chaired by Dr. Joy J. Johnson of Fairmont, spearheaded for the convention.

The Political Action Committee speedily called pastors and laymen from across the state and set a new movement into being that touched Baptists all over the state. As the results, three out of the four candidates endorsed went to victory.

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SIXTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

Dr. Charles Vornelius Staton, Sr. of Weldon was called into the Christian ministry in 1912. He was ordained in 1914. During his sixty years in the ministry, he has successfully served the following pastorates: Guilfield, New Bern; First, Severn; Union, Tarboro; First, Monroe; First, Weldon; Martin Street, Raleigh; United Institutional, Greensboro; Union, Passaic, New Jersey; Antioch, Goldsboro; White Oak, Grimesland and Pine Grove, Macon. Dr. Staton is presently serving Roanoke Salem, Garysburg; Bethlehem, Seaboard and Piney Grove, Halifax.

Special services honoring Dr. Staton will be held at these three churches during the month of June.

Samuel A. Gilliam, a Metropolitan deacon presided over the service while greetings were given by Madison C. Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

The Reverend C. H. Brown, President, Rocky Mount Ministers' Conference represented this body at this occasion. The charge to the pastor was strongly given by the Rev. Elbert Lee, Pastor, North End Baptist Church.

The charge to the church was powerfully given by the Rev. Thomas Walker, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The acceptance remarks by Pastor Arnette were moving. He climaxed his speech by requesting a Mrs. Walston to sing "If I Can Help Somebody".

METROPOLITAN CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY; ARNETTE INSTALLED

The Metropolitan Baptist Church located on Leggett Road in Rocky Mount recently celebrated the Seventh Anniversary of the church and installed the Reverend James E. Arnette as their first full-time pastor.

The church's seventh anniversary was appropriately observed Sunday morning, May 21 with Dr. C. W. Anderson, Pastor, United Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro delivering the anniversary sermon.

Uniquely on the same day in the afternoon, the church's first full-time pastor was installed. Dr. E. B. Turner, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton delivered the installation sermon. He was accompanied by the Male Chorus of his Lumberton church.

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Woman's Page----

MRS. HORNE SPEAKS AT FIRST AFRICAN CHURCH

Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention was the recent keynote speaker for the Men-Women Day Service at the First African Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia.

First Baptist is one of the oldest Baptist churches in America, presently pastored by Dr. William Franklin Stokes II, formerly of Winston-Salem.

Recently Reverend Stokes received the highly sacred and coveted Doctor of Divinity Degree from Bryant Theological Seminary. Each year the Faculty, President and Trustees award this honorary degree to two outstanding pastors within the framework of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia for their contributions in the several related fields of community and state betterment.



DR. WILLIAM FRANKLIN STOKES II

FOR SAFETY REASONS ONLY

THE J. J. JOHNSON ASSEMBLY SITE

By EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE

The Assembly Site Buildings are beautiful and is a credit to the Baptist Family of North Carolina. At this reading three (3) buildings are completed; the Unit Lodge that will accommodate approximately 100 children and counselors, the Guest Lodge and the spacious Kitchen and Dining Room Building, that can be converted into an Assembly Room with a seating capacity of 400 persons.

Prayerfully Note and Understand

The Assembly Site has not been opened. **FOR SAFETY REASONS** we are kindly requesting you not to have picnics, tours, etc. on the grounds. A **LIGHTED MATCH OR CIGARETTE CAN START A FOREST FIRE**, ignite one building or destroy every building erected. Would not this be a tragedy?

We thank you for your financial cooperation, your prayers and deep concern, yet we must protect what you have helped to erect.

We love you and we know that you want to see what is happening. Please do not become disturbed. These are only precautionary measures. You have done a good job and we are only trying to protect your property. When a person is employed to protect the property day and night the gate will be opened at convenient times. Continue to protect this project. North Carolina is reaching New Heights. Did you read the names of our supporting ministers in the last edition of the **Baptist Informer**?

Remember the \$88.00 project. Go the 2nd mile in supporting All Objectives. You have been loyal and cooperative. Pray much for the Cause of Missions and Christian Education.

**TO THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT
OF
THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION**

By MRS. EVA M. PRATT

Dear Youth of North Carolina:

We are calling on All Young People to do the following:

1. Bring a tiny **flashlight** to the Convention.
2. Bring a **White Dress** for the Choir.
3. Churches are asked to send their **Youth Choir Members** to sing during the All Baptist Assembly.
4. Please bring and report your finance for projects (especially for Camp) early.
5. Supervisors, please do not send your **Problem** children.

WORKING FOR SERVICE

By MRS. LUGENIA JONES

The Johnston County District Baptist Association, The Woman's Missionary Union, The Ministers and Deacons Union, The Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention believes in cooperation. They work together in peace and harmony.

Although the groups are not as large as some other associational bodies, they strive to do a good job for the Master, to fulfill their obligations and help falling humanity by causing some one to come to Christ. They believe that success in life is achievement in serving your fellowman. They were determined to help Shaw University with some of its financial problems. So on April 30, 1972, they motored to the Shaw Campus. Some arrived early in order to tour the campus. Around 6:30 p.m. a pageant "Climbing Jacobs Ladder" was given in the University Church. A very impressive solo was sung by Mrs. Elease Matthews. This was a soul stirring message in song.

The association raised \$1,490.20; the Woman's Missionary Union \$1,035.57; total given to Shaw was \$2,525.77.

Following this program, Rev. Simpson was surprised by a short birthday program of music, and was presented a beautiful birthday cake and gift by his wife. Mrs. Simpson sang a soul stirring song which was dedicated to him. This ended a joyous evening.

On May 17, 1972, the Johnston District Baptist Association and the Woman's Missionary Union motored to the Central Orphanage, Oxford. They were served a delicious dinner by Superintendent Bryant and his staff. The program was rendered by participants from Johnston County and \$1,085.66 was raised and given to the Orphanage. This again was a happy time.

Johnston County District Officers are:

Rev. Lacy Simpson—Moderator, Johnston District Association

Rev. A. A. Crum—President, Ministers and Deacons Union

Mrs. Clara Ballentine—President, Woman's Missionary Union

Mr. W. M. Heartley—President, Sunday School Convention

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**LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND
ENRICHMENT INSTITUTE HELD**

The third annual Christian Leadership Training and Enrichment Institute, emphasizing the "importance of a prepared leadership, a concerned and involved membership, and a dedicated discipleship," was held at First Baptist Church, East Street, Kingston, Sunday, June 11 and continued through Friday, June 16. Institute director was Dr. R. Irving Boone, pastor, who is also University Minister and professor of sociology at Elizabeth City State University. Guest lecturer for the week, who delivered a special message each evening, beginning on Monday, was Professor H. D. Cooper of Ahsokie, president of the State Laymen's League of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Inc., and recently retired principal of Ahsokie's R. L. Vann High School.

Presiding at the opening session was Professor C. B. Stewart, chairman of the board of deacons; and the principal message on the first evening was a sermon, "The Urgency of Prepared Christian Leadership," by Pastor Boone. The devotional thought was by Mrs. Ernestine Stewart, and there was a topical discussion, "The Joy of Christian Giving," by Mrs. Agnes Tilley. Professor Cooper extended greetings; and a "preview of the week's activities was given by Mrs. Joan Bannerman, office secretary at First Baptist. Special music was by Senior Choir No. 1, Mrs. Louise Warden, minister of music accompanying.

E. S. Houston, chairman of board of trustees and general superintendent of the church school; J. R. Covington, budget director; Miss Diane Mason, youth leader, James Patterson, trustee; and Mrs. Agnes Tilley, youth supervisor, presided at other sessions; while devotional thoughts on other evenings were delivered by Mrs. Erma Smith, Mrs. Vivian Boone, Mrs. Margaret Burney, Miss Rosa Lasater, and Miss Hazel Crawford.

Topical discussions, on the several other evenings, respectively, were as follows: "The Church and Our Little Ones," Mrs. Gertrude Payton; "Making the Most Use of Our Church Library," Mrs. Either Covington; "The Parents' Part in Making Our Girls' and Boys' Scout Troops Most Effective," Mrs. Elizabeth Howard and Theodore Dawson; "Some Sound Approaches to More Effective Communication with Our Youth," Mrs. Minnie Jefferson and Miss V. M. Jones; "Christian Stewardship Beyond the Church Walls," Miss Theon Hardy.

Filmstrip productions, with Mrs. Thelma Davis, directing, included: "The Deacon-led Spiritual Growth Program," "Who Am I," and "The Church Usher."

Theme-related poetic renditions were by Mrs. Rhodilla White and Miss Rainelle Tilley; and recorders for the week, in addition to Secretary Bannerman, were: Misses Carolyn Bynum, Gloria Boone, Monica Joyner, Barbara Platt; and divisional aides were: Misses Cheryl Tilley, Judith Taylor, Florice Graham, Susan White, Jackie Wilks, Cynthia Holmon, Tiane Davis, Lois Dixon, Velma Mewborne. Other participating choirs, appearing at various sessions, Senior Choir No. 2, the Gospel Choir, Men's Chorus, Youth Choir, and the Angel Choir.

The week's activities climaxed with a "community involvement" session on Friday evening, with the major feature being that of a panel discussion, "Church Leadership and Vital Community Needs."

Panelists were Guest Lecturer Cooper and Major Boyd, Director of Human Relations, Kinston City School; and "Some Official Observations" on the theme were spoken by Kinston's City Manager Joseph Taylor. Moderator of panel was C. B. Stewart.

Other functional personnel, serving important roles during the week, included: the Hospitality Committee, headed by Mrs. Annie Hill and Mrs. Leona Sutton; the Receptionists, comprised of Mrs. Doris Joyner, Mrs. Ina Lofton, Mrs. Ethel Patterson, Mrs. Florence Cox, Mrs. Ella Long, Mrs. Lula Boyd, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, and Mrs. Eunice Collins, the Music Committee, comprised of the presidents and directors of the several choirs; the Youth Fellowship, headed by Michael Tice; the ushers, chaired by McKinley Collins; a "promotional personnel of 75," composed of the presidents of the various auxiliaries, heads of departments, and other lay representatives, and Finance Committee, comprised of Lieutenant Elish White, J. R. Covington, E. S. Houston, Chester Payton, and Courtney Patterson.

Other special events at First Baptist, during the current period, include the annual revival, beginning on Sunday night, June 25, presenting as guest evangelist, the Reverend W. K. Raynor of Jacksonville, and Christian Education Day, Sunday, July 2, with Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University, as guest speaker.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By PASTOR G. E. BROWN

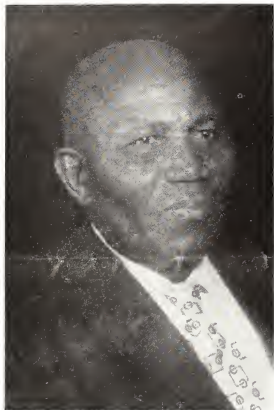
Vacation Bible School was held at Willow Chapel Baptist Church, Gold Point, N. C., May 1-7, 1972.

The theme for the week was "My God, My Faith, My Life". It was well taught. The teachers were Rev. G. E. Brown, Mrs. Veria Wynn, Mrs. Mary E. Brown, Miss Annie Lee, Miss Wanda Black, Mr. Gregory Black, Mr. Russell Matthewson, and Mr. Jessie Black. Miss Juanita Dynn was the devotion leader.

Enrollment for the week was 158. Eight (8) persons accepted Christ during our week of studies.

Vacation Bible School was held at End Street Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N. C., May 15-19, 1972. The theme was "My God, My Life, My Faith". Teachers were Reverend G. E. Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Savage, Mrs. Hester Clark, and Mrs. Estelle D. Smith. Mrs. Smith was the devotion leader. It was an enjoyable week. Enrollment was 138, and one person accepted Christ.

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH INSTALLS PASTOR



The Reverend William Nickles of Roxboro, N. C. was called to serve as minister of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Boynton, Virginia in February, 1972.

Installation services were held during the week of May 8-14. On Sunday afternoon, May 14, the installation sermon was delivered by Reverend U. R. Booker of Roxboro, N. C. who is Moderator of the County Line Association and past Moderator of the Bannister Association, also, the East Cedar Grove Baptist Association.

Others included on the program during the week were: Rev. H. F. Peace of Oxford, Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church, Skipwith, Virginia; Rev. M. H. Berger of Chatham, Va., Pastor of Rocky Mount Baptist Church of Skipwith, Va., and Rev. J. E. Brown of Henderson, Pastor of Mt. Avery Baptist Church of Clarksville, Virginia.

Reverend Nickles is married to the former Nellie B. Outlaw. They have six children: Naomi, William Jr., Randolph, Shirley, Ollie and Sylvia. The Nickles reside in Roxboro, North Carolina.

MISSIONARY UNION HOLDS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The 2nd annual Fellowship Dinner of the Robeson County Missionary Union was held on May 13, 1972 at the Fairmont School Cafeteria, Fairmont. Mrs. Bernell Stackhouse is president of the Union.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Nora B. Reed, President of the Harriett Whitted Missionary Circle of Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Lumberton, Rev. Robert L. Davis, Pastor.

Mrs. Reed spoke on the subject "Christian Women". She challenged the women to become dedicated Christians for the purpose of helping others to know Christ. This can be done only by walking upright and living their faith day by day, thus setting an example for others. Mrs. Reed pointed out that life is like the soil, it gives back in kind what we put into it. We should not expect to find a bed of roses when we have planted a crop of thistles of selfishness, hate, greed and the works of the flesh. We must hold fast to that which is good for the strength Christ's love can bring.

Mrs. Reed used for example of faith the woman who pushed her way through the crowd to touch the hem of His garment, and by her enduring faith was made whole.

The Fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

WHY BUS?

OTIS L. HAIRSTON

Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church

Member of the Greensboro Board of Education

On July 27, 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson addressed the Nation after several weeks of grave violence in many of the major cities of America. Violence on a wide scale had also taken place during the previous two summers.

The opening statement of the address indicated the seriousness of the disorder.

"We have endured a week such as no Nation should live through", he said, "a time of violence and tragedy."

After announcing the appointment of a special Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, the President sought to give his assessment of the outbreaks and to appeal for self-examination on the part of all Americans.

In concluding statements, he called for positive action:

"Let us build something much more lasting; faith between man and man, faith between race and race, faith in each other — and faith in the promise of beautiful America.

"Let us pray for the day when 'mercy and truth are met together;' righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Let us pray and let us work for better jobs and better housing and better education that so many millions of our own fellow Americans need so much tonight."

"Let us then act in the congress, in the city halls, and in every community, so that this great land of ours may truly be "one Nation under God . . . with liberty and justice for all."

Following several weeks of studies and investigations, (meeting in riot cities, and talking with many witnesses), the commission concluded that: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white . . . separate and unequal." The only possible course for a sensible and humane nation, the commission argued was "a policy which combines ghetto enrichment with programs designed to encourage integration of substantial numbers of Negroes into the society outside of the ghetto."

The Commission recognized what the U. S. Supreme Court had acknowledged in 1954, that segregation had not produced equality of education, and consequently ruled that the separate but equal doctrine in public education was no longer constitutional.

Since the ruling, the district courts have demanded that school boards comply with the mandate of the Supreme Court. In cases where busing is the only tool adequate to achieve meaningful desegregation, the courts have recognized busing as a legitimate tool.

Obviously, with segregated neighborhoods, the Neighborhood School Concept will not desegregate schools except on a token basis. The Freedom of Choice Plan since it was initiated has only resulted in a few Blacks being assigned to white schools. Whites have failed to request assignment to Black schools.

Regardless of how sincere the contention, those who still call for neighborhood schools and the elimination of "busing" as a tool to achieve desegregation of schools, are asking that the clock be turned back to the days prior to 1954. They are also overlooking the fact that busing was used extensively and effectively to maintain segregated schools. They are further saying, "let's maintain two societies, one Black, one white." And they are saying, abandon the goal of "One Nation Under God with liberty and justice for all." In so doing they are admitting that white America does not have the will or love to honestly work toward One Community, thereby supporting the conclusion of the Black Separatists that integration is not a sincere desire of whites and that white racism still prevails in America.

Let us be aware that the Supreme Court has not only given a mandate. It has courageously offered a course for America to make good the promises of American democracy. The Executive and Legislative Branches, and white Americans can rebel and defeat gains that have been made in making America, in fact, "One Nation." In so doing, they are making Democracy in America a mockery and the promises of liberty and justice for all a shattered dream for Black people.



DR. E. T. THOMPSON

PASTOR RECEIVES SPECIAL HONORS

By ETHEL COLE, Program Chairman

The Community Baptist Church family, led by deacons and the Pastor's Aid Club, honored their pastor for his twenty-five years of service, with a banquet at the Holiday Inn, downtown Durham. The church manager, Mr. Nathaniel Daniels was Toastmaster. A special service was also held in his honor.

Reverend Clyde Johnson was speaker for the banquet and the special worship service. His subjects were "God's Ambassador" and "Unchanging God". Rev. Johnson is a son of the church, a graduate of Shaw University, and is now pastoring the First Baptist Church of Petersburg, Virginia.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and vicinity honored him with an engraved citation for his years of service. He is serving his second term as secretary of the Alliance.

The Union Christian Bible Institute honored him

with the Doctor of Divinity Degree. He is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Institute.

Many gifts were given by the deacons and church auxiliaries. Special gifts received were a Silver automatic Calendar Bulova Watch from the Pastor's Aid Club, Mrs. Ethel Cole, President; and twenty-five silver dollars from the Senior Choir.

Another recent honor for Dr. Thompson was his election to the presidency of the Durham Ministers Association.

In the honoree's words, quoted from Bacon "Gratitude is the greatest of all virtues and the mother of all the rest." He also quoted St. Augustine, "The three greatest christian virtues are (1) humility, (2) humility, (3) humility". Like goodness and mercy, gratitude and humility shall be his escorts and comfort during the continuation of his life with good-will toward all men and to lead his Black brethren to make their contribution to this present age.

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Guest Evangelist will be The Reverend W. K. Raynor of Jacksonville, North Carolina, Pastor of the St. Louis Missionary Baptist Church of Chinquapin and other area churches. Brother Raynor is one of the great gospel preachers of our times, with a power-charged, forceful, convincing message. Surely, we are in for a great "spiritual feast," as we look forward to the fervent gospel sermons of this man of God.

Inspiring music, including great hymns of the church and gospel selections, will be another special feature of this Revival series.

Together, enthusiastically, and prayerfully, and cooperatively, we look forward to this all-out campaign for the "reviving of believers, the reclaiming of backsliders, and the redemption of the unsaved." All of First Baptist, and many, many others, will be making definite plans to be a part of this highly important campaign.

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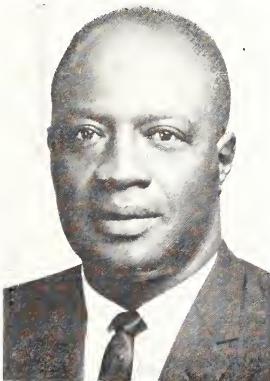


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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Raleigh will be jammed with Baptists, August 14-18, when the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. assembles all of its auxiliaries for an all Baptist Assembly. The central meeting place will be Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium with auxiliary meetings being conducted at First Baptist Church, Shaw University and Tupper Memorial Baptist Church.

This will be an exciting week with the convention working around the theme: "A United Witness For A Confused World."

Many strong sermons and addresses will clearly develop this theme. A real challenge will be presented.

We are well on the way with our 1972 convention budget of \$471,000.00. We will really be about the accomplishment of our work to complete this year's budget at the Assembly. Let us make this our goal. We have the associations, churches, pastors, and laymen to make the budget come out balanced.

We will meet you in Raleigh for a great week with Christ.

RIDDICK ELECTED

Leon Riddick, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte and a powerful leader of the General Baptist Convention was recently elected President of the Hampton Ministers' Conference.

This is one of the nation's top Ministers' Conferences that is held each year on the campus of Hampton Institute. We wish for Dr. Riddick success as he leads this great body and pledge to him our support.

MEN'S DAY AT FELLOWSHIP

One of the most unique and well planned Men's Day Observances was experienced by your editor in the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte where Coleman Kerry is Pastor, on Sunday, June 25. Dr.

Kerry is a great pastor and spiritual leader with a great mind. This is reflected in every phase of the life of Friendship.

The editor had the privilege of delivering the Men's Day Sermon to a packed church. The service was filled with deep spiritual significance with a great choir and fervent singing. There was no Men's Day rally, all I saw was the passing of the offering plates for Tithes and Love Gifts. There is all evidence that Friendship is a big, happy church family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 14-18—All Baptist Assembly - General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh

August 28-Sept. 1—Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Norfolk, Virginia

Sept. 5-10—National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Fort Worth, Texas

Sept. 5-10—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Sept. 5-10—National Baptist Convention of America, Dallas, Texas

TO: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND COLLEGE FRESHMEN WHO ARE ACTIVE BTU MEMBERS

By: MRS. HAZEL F. McLEAN
Director of Oratorical Contest

The James F. Wertz B.T.U. Oratorical Contest will be held on Thursday Morning, August 17, 1972 at 10:25 in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

All young people who are planning to recite, please send your name, address, church, pastor and topic to:

Mrs. Hazel McLean
Box 185 - Caledonia Rd.
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GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINE

MONDAY

Registration Memorial Auditorium
 11:00 A.M. Board Meeting—
 Woman's Home and Foreign Mission
 First Baptist Church, Wilmington
 and Morgan Streets
 2:00 P.M. Executive Committee—
 General Baptist Convention
 First Baptist Church
 3:00 P.M. General Board—
 General Baptist Convention
 First Baptist Church
 7:30 P.M. Convention Assembly
 Memorial Auditorium
 Feature Address:
 Dr. Benjamin E. Mays,
 President Emeritus,
 Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

TUESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON

Auxiliary Meetings
 Sunday School and B.T.U.; Ushers; Laymen
 Meeting in Shaw University Church

Woman's Convention; Seniors; Young Adults
 Meeting in First Baptist Church
 Junior - Young People
 Tupper Memorial Baptist Church

TUESDAY EVENING

7:30 P.M. Memorial Auditorium

WEDNESDAY

All Sessions Memorial Auditorium

THURSDAY MORNING

Auxiliary Meetings

Sunday Schol and B.T.U. Woman's Convention
 Ushers Seniors
 Laymen Young Adults
 Junior - Young People

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

7:30 P.M. Memorial Auditorium

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A.M. Memorial Auditorium

Music

Combined Choirs of Raleigh Raleigh
 Metropolitan Baptist Choir Rocky Mount
 The Woman's Convention Choir

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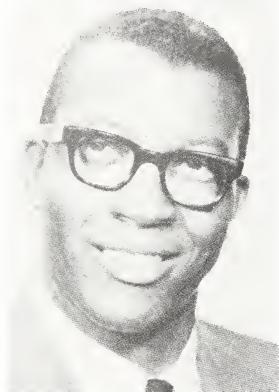
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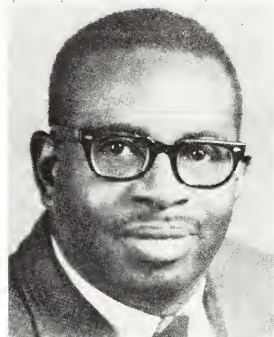


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RESOLUTIONS

EAST ROCKFORD MISSIONARY

BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

MRS. J. E. BOSWELL, PIANIST

Whereas, it has been the will of God in His omnipotence to remove from our presence this beautiful life of Sister Annie C. Martin, and Sister though from yonder sky, cometh neither voice nor cry; yet we know for thee, today every pain has passed away, and

Whereas, she by her regular and loyal attendance to the choir has left us a most worthy example to follow, and

Whereas, the choir has lost a consecrated member, and we hereby express our appreciation for her Christian life and what it meant to the choir, where she worked so willingly; we shall miss

her cheerful words and friendly smiles; they will live in our hearts.

Be It Resolved, that while we bow submissively to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we deeply moan over the loss of our dearly beloved Sister and friend, who is asleep upon the Saviour's breast.

Dear Rev. Martin and relatives, do not weep. Your loved one is at rest. She was lent to you, and to us just for a while. Now she is singing with the angels, in the light of Jesus' smile.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to the church and one be sent to the **Baptist Informer** for publication.

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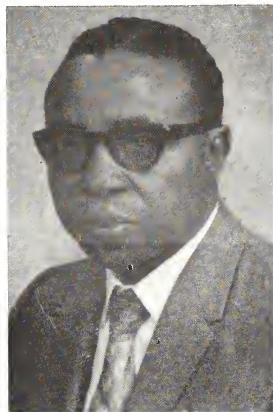
Woman's Page----



The Reverend J. C. Harris
Camp Director

The Youth Bible Camp

The Youth Bible Camp of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention organized twenty-one (21) years ago by Dr. Ellen S. Alston is traveling New Paths and Reaching New Heights. From all indications the camp will operate



Dr. W. B. Lewis
Co-Camp Director

on the Camp Site in Laurinburg next June over a period of ten (10) weeks.

The Reverend J. C. Harris and Dr. W. B. Lewis are the newly elected Camp Director and Co-Director, respectively. These young Ministers are well qualified for the task and we pray for continued success of our counselors and young people.

BAPTIST WOMEN AND YOUTH SEEK APPROVAL

More than 500 Baptist Women and Youth paused during the week of June 12-16 to "seek approval 'unto God a workman (leader) that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth' (2 Tim. 2:15b)". They came to The Shaw University, from the seashore to the mountains, to participate in the Thirty-Fifth Annual Woman's Training Conference and the Twenty-First Annual Youth Bible Camp and Charm Clinic.

Some declared themselves as leaders, others as followers, but all came to study, worship, fellowship and praise God in an atmosphere that illustrated the love of God. In cooperation with The Shaw University, Mrs. M. A. Horne, executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., and Mrs. J. B. McLester, first vice-president, planned a most stimulating and rewarding program for the women. They served as conference chairman and co-chairman, respectively. The Youth Bible Camp and Charm Clinic continued

to increase in numbers under the able directorship of the Reverend J. C. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville and Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh. Mrs. Virginia Daye, State Youth Advisor, was Camp Co-ordinator.

The missionary workshop instructors were Mrs. J. B. McLester and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, fourth vice-president, WBH&FMC. From the study of "Christian Leadership" by Mrs. Mary Frances Preston, the group concluded that they should give their best (all) to God and trust Him to give the best back to them, a peace which passeth all understanding.

The Campers were divided into groups with advisors or counselors. Their activities included study, recreation, charm clinic, sight-seeing, among many other things, and a most thought-provoking message by Miss Vera M. Rhyne of Jacksonville and a student at The Shaw University. From the theme, she chose "Getting Ourselves Together" as her subject. She lifted hearts and stirred souls as she spoke like "one with authority". She called "grace a 'Re-

deemer", and challenged the youth and adults to "Fulfill our obligation in setting free the things over which we have no control," "To give a loaf of bread and share the 'Bread of Life'", "also to forget the oppression and reach forth to the things ahead . . . in completion of 'Getting Ourselves Together'". "This, she said, can best be accomplished by putting on the whole armour of God and waiting on the Holy Spirit."

Thursday was designated as "Woman's Night". The charming way in which the women dressed demonstrated this. The music was furnished by the Good Hope Baptist Church Choir, Raleigh and their pastor, Rev. C. R. Trotter, read the Scripture. A special seat was reserved for the Ministers' Wives of Raleigh, Mrs. W. E. Edgerton, president. Greetings were extended by Dr. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University and his charming wife; Dr. C. R. Edwards, president, General Baptist Convention of N. C., Inc, and Mrs. E. B. Turner, second vice-president, WBH&FMC.

Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Youth Supervisor, was surprised when Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, State Youth Adult Director, presented her a plaque, on behalf of the Woman's Convention, for having served as Bible Camp Director for twenty years. A group of Campers sang "If I Can Help Somebody" and presented Mrs. Pratt with an arm bouquet and a special gift. Mrs. Jennie E. Hall of Washington, D. C., editor of the Lott Carey Herald and dean, Education Department, National Association of Ministers' Wives, spoke from the theme. She told the group that as Christians it is our "responsibility to give God His share of what we have". The Christian's Acrostics climaxed her message in the midst of "amens" and shouts of "Praises to God". Dr. Hargraves presented Mrs. Horne a plaque for the convention for loyalty and concern.

Dr. William A. Jones, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., lectured to the joint sessions of the Woman's Conference, Youth Camp and the Thirty-Sixth Annual Ministers' Institute (which was also in progress). He embraced the hearts of his audience, as he addressed himself to the theme. He reminded the group that "the Black Church must look to God, through Jesus Christ, and not to the systems, politics or any other so-called solution". "We must obtain true freedom, he continued, the ability to say no to a lie and strength to veto a sinful situation." "The Black Churches allegiance is to God".

A special feature of the Camp was the Charm Clinic conducted by Mrs. Eva Jonson of Salisbury, N. C., and a special radio broadcast. Mmes. Mae Newberry and Mattie Mayo, representatives of Tri-Chem Craft Company, presented a workshop in crafts. They are residents of Raleigh and Wake Forest, respectively.

The many, many soul-stirring sermons delivered by the ministers of God from the theme left no doubt in the minds and hearts of many regarding "The Role of the Church in the Liberation of the Oppressed" . . . "to set at liberty those who are oppressed". (Luke 4:18 RSV).

EBENEZER HOSTS BAPTISTS

By MRS. DOLLIE D. HAMMONDS

The Anson County Baptist Missionary Union met at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wadesboro on Saturday, June 24, at 9:45 a.m.

This group is affiliated with the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina which has formed together a union of missionary circles of each Baptist church in the county regardless of association membership.

In Anson County, the Youth, Young Adult, and Senior Department of all churches that belong to the Pee Dee Yadkin-Philadelphia, and Zion Missionary Baptist Associations are members of the Union. It meets quarterly on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday.

Like the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, the Anson County Missionary Union aims to reach every Baptist Church in the County.

Its motto is "Christ In Every Home". The theme for 1971-72 is "New Paths In These Significant Seventies". It has five major objectives which are supported financially: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education (The Shaw University), Central Orphanage, and the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site. Each church is asked to contribute regularly to them.

Mrs. M. A. Horne is Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. V. M. Slade, President of the state group. Mrs. Clinton Baswell is special worker, Mrs. D. D. Hammond, President; and Mrs. M. L. Hemphill, Youth Supervisor.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FROM PRESIDENT SLADE

As we come to the close of another Convention year, once more it is my pleasure to say that I am immeasurably grateful to our Pastors, Sisters, Young Adults, Youth, Layman and Friends who worked so zealously promoting the program of the Woman's Convention.

In particular, I wish to compliment most highly our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne, and the administrative, promotional, and spiritual contribution of the entire Headquarters Staff.

Recognizing that the success of an organization cannot materialize without proper support, I convey to each member of our Convention my very deep appreciation for your ever ready and willing response to our appeals and to our program in general.

May we look to the incoming Convention year with renewed hope and a more dedicated spirit toward the fulfillment of our obligations. Let us rededicate ourselves in our mission of service, and draw strength from the soul-stirring words of the

Psalmist David in the beginning of the 121st Psalm:

"I will lift up mine eyes until the hills
from whence cometh my help. My help
cometh from the Lord, which made heaven
and earth."

With these reassuring words, my fellow Christians, I bid "God Be With You 'Til We Meet," in our "ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY," August 14-18, 1972, Raleigh, North Carolina as a United Witness for a Confused World.

ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY UNITS TO MEET JOINTLY

During the All Baptist Assembly in Raleigh, August 14-18, 1972, the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congresses, the Laymen's League and the Ushers' Convention will meet jointly, Tuesday, the 15th and Thursday morning, the 17th in The Shaw University Church on the campus.

There will be panel discussions, study groups, lay witnessing, a youth forum and contest. Each session will close with an inspirational message.

Below are some of the persons appearing as

speakers and consultants during this period:

Leon Herndon, Jonathan Byers, H. S. Diggs, H. D. Cooper, J. B. Humphrey, N. M. Avery, E. B. Turner, R. T. Gilchrist, T. A. Watkins, Frank Dorato, E. B. Stewart, W. N. Rowe and E. M. Brown.



Leon Herndon

All of these personalities are eminently qualified, and we encourage you to be present.



Jonathan Byers



H. S. Diggs



H. D. Cooper



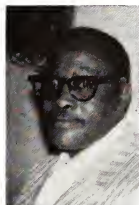
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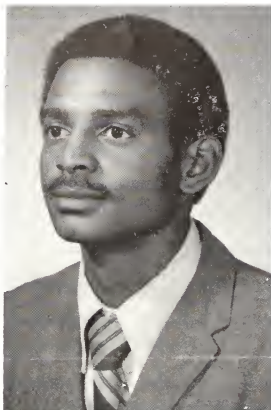
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**REV. CHARLES R. TYNER
PASTOR INSTALLED**

The Reverend Charles R. Tyner was installed as the new pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Apex, on Sunday, June 11, 1972 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Josephine Farrar presided over the service.

Included on the program were: Rev. F. L. Rush, Pastor, Holland Chapel Church, Apex, who delivered the Invocation and gave the charge to the church.

Rev. J. A. Stewart, former pastor of White Oak Church read the Scripture and gave the charge to the pastor and read a brief history of the church (One Hundred Seven Years Ago).

Mrs. Marjorie Dunn, Secretary and Bookkeeper of the General Baptist Convention brought greetings from the convention.

Words of welcome were expressed by Miss Willette Farrar, member of the church. A cash gift was presented to the newly installed pastor by Deacon W. H. Mason.

The featured speaker for the occasion was our Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill. As expected, Dr. Sherrill delivered an able sermon that contained a strong challenge to both pastor and church.

Pastor Tyner was presented for a brief response by Deacon L. W. Herndon. Mrs. Ersaldine Bailey, Church Organist and Choir rendered delightful music. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers donated by the wife and children of the late Deacon Garland Herndon, as a memorial to him. The service was filled with inspiration and was well executed by the program personalities.

Since serving as pastor of White Oak Church, the attendance has increased, some reorganization has been done, the church income has more than doubled, and plans are in the making to undergo a comprehensive building program and to strengthen all facets of the total church.



PRESIDENT OF WMU RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS SERVICE

By Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Mrs. Melinda L. Staten, 82, of Clarkton, has retired after serving 40 years as president of the Women's Missionary Union of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She is a lifelong resident of the Clarkton community.

At her retirement in her last president's address to the annual session, Mrs. Staten quoted: "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." (John 10:9)

"What a delightful feeling one has deep down inside when she goes to visit a friend and in answer to her knock the door is opened wide and a friendly invitation to come in is given. How thrilling it is to go home or to a sisters or brothers to find the door opens as one turns the knob, and one rushes in, not thinking of knocking, to have a part in the fellowship of the family group, sure of the welcome love will give. As joyous as these experiences are, however, even deeper joy does one have in being a member of the spiritual kingdom, a child of the heavenly Father admitted to this family through Jesus Christ, the Door to the family of God."

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A WEEK NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

The week of August 14-18, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina brought together in our State Capitol around 3,000 Baptists in the All Baptist Assembly.

With Dr. C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville as Chieftain and Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, the huge gathering assembled in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium consistently, worshiped, prayed, conducted business, listened to powerful addresses and sermons centered around the provocative theme: "A United Witness For A Confused World."

The five auxiliaries of the convention held separate sessions of great interest and accomplishment Tuesday and Thursday morning and afternoon during the week. The auxiliaries have some progressive and dynamic leadership. The Woman's Convention is ably headed by Mrs. Vera M. Slade, President, and Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary. Within the Woman's Convention is the Youth Department with Miss Jewel Edwards as president and Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, Supervisor. Mrs. Pratt recently wrote a booklet on "Convention Etiquette." This little booklet is written in the hope that it will be an incentive for those of us who attend conferences, conventions, or meetings of any sort — those who sometime or another are chosen from among the ranks and sent as messengers, that their organization might benefit from their experiences.

The Sunday School and B.T.U. Congresses have at the helm two powerful, young men, namely, J. W. Martin and Clifton Stone. The Laymen's League is ably lead by Frank Marshall. The Ushers are headed by Arthur Williams, the only layman in our convention who is moderator of an association (Original Shiloh).

The program was of great inspiration and thought. Music filled the air with the Rev. Johnny White at

the Organ; Mrs. Wesley Grant at the piano and the Rev. Wesley Grant leading. As an added feature, choral music was beautifully and spiritually rendered by the Raleigh Combined Choirs; Metropolitan Baptist Church Choir, Rocky Mount; Youth Convention Choir and the Combined Choirs of Wake County.

The Convention Theme was widely and profoundly explored by the Rev. F. H. Goldsmith, Pastor, Bethel "A" Brevard; Mrs. Wilma Bryant, Secretary of the Woman's Convention; The Rev. R. E. Devoe, Pastor, Shiloh, Shelby; Mrs. Amanda Stevens, President, Young Adults Department of the Woman's Convention; and the Rev. W. B. Moore, Pastor, Cornerstone, Greenville.

One of the feature addresses was to have been delivered by Dr. B. E. Mays, President-Emeritus of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia. Because of some emergency development, Dr. Mays could not be present. He was ably represented by the Rev. Otis Moss of Cincinnati, Ohio. Moss took his rightful place and shook the convention with an address on "The Challenge to Grow Up."

Governor Bob Scott and Mayor Tom Bradshaw personally welcomed the convention. The welcome program was conducted by Dr. C. W. Ward, Pastor of First, Raleigh; Dr. W. B. Lewis, Pastor, Cosmopolitan, Raleigh and Dr. Paul Johnson, Pastor, Martin Street, Raleigh.

Dr. O. B. J. Burson, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., a pastor in North Carolina for several years, was invited to deliver one of the feature sermons of the convention. With his broad smile and winsome personality, Burson took the power of God and preached so until it seemed that the convention caved in.

Dr. W. R. Strassner who is a past-President of

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Shaw University and who many of us fondly remember as "our teacher," preached a great sermon.

Dr. W. B. Lewis of Raleigh brought the fire down as he swept the convention with a powerful sermon.

Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Convention made a glowing report that pointed out that the Women had exceeded their budget in the amount of \$26,057.54.

Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, in well chosen words reported that the convention had almost reached the annual budget and since the convention's fiscal year ends August 31, he felt sure that the budget would be adequately met.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor, Shiloh, Winston-Salem and Chairman of the General Board presented Dr. A. D. Moseley of Durham who made the report for the Board. One of the significant recommendations was that of honoring Executive Secretary Sherrill after twenty-five (25) years of service to General Baptists on November 17. All of us should be present for such a well deserved and meaningful occasion. The Rev. Corbin L. Cooper, Secretary of the Department of Interracial Ministries made a revealing report on the growth of this great work.

The extensive Foreign Mission work of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention was uniquely presented by Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary. Since this was an All Baptist Assembly, the President of the General Convention and the President's of all of the Auxiliaries made brief but profound addresses.

The Address delivered by Malvin R. Goode, ABC, United Nations Correspondent, a highlight of the convention, begins on page 7 in this publication and will climax in the September issue.

In the absence of Mrs. Viola Churn of Baltimore, who was to have delivered one of the major addresses, Mrs. Wendell C. Somerville filled the place and delivered a magnificent address.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The 103rd annual session of the Original Shiloh Missionary Baptist Association, Arthur Williams, Moderator, will be held September 25-27 in the Belmont Creek Baptist Church, Rev. P. G. Davis, Pastor.

The 107th annual session of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, Rev. J. R. Person, Moderator will be held in Kehukie Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, Rev. W. T. Taylor, Pastor, September 28 thru October 1.

HERE AND THERE ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The Rev. Johnnie White is leaving North Carolina to be the pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

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Word has just come that the Rev. H. S. Diggs, Pastor of Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte lost his mother. She was funeralized in Rock Hill, S. C. We extend to Brother Diggs our prayerful sympathy.

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Mrs. A. B. Byrd, First Vice President-Emeritus of the Woman's Convention and a faithful member of the Mount Zion First Church, Rocky Mount, was in attendance and active at the convention. Mrs. Byrd had been absent for some time due to illness.

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Our convention had a surprise visit from Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, Democratic Nominee for Governor and W. C. "Billy" Creele, Democratic Nominee for Commissioner of Labor.

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Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor of New Bethel, Winston-Salem was one of the leading personalities

around the convention. Jerry is Chairman of the Convention's Executive Committee.

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Dr. David R. Hedgley, Pastor of First Church, Winston-Salem was most active around the convention fulfilling his duties as chairman of the Convention's Budget Committee.

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Dr. Talmadge Watkins, Pastor of First Church, Wilson was about the convention with great vigor. He is chairman of the Trustee Board. Talmadge is leading Wilson's First Church in the observance of their 100th Anniversary.

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The Rev. Percy High returned to the state from Pennsylvania and is setting things on fire as pastor of the Mount Vernon Church, Durham. You should have heard Percy so eloquently respond to the Welcome extended the convention.

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Dr. Harold Cobb presented himself to the convention as the pastor of West Durham Church, Durham. Cobb did a great work in Burlington where he served for 19 years prior to coming to Durham.

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The Rev. Coleman Kerry, Pastor, Friendship, Charlotte was right at his post as the Convention's Recording Secretary. He had his recording machine going while he was writing. Coleman slipped in the bathtub during the convention and fractured one of his arms. Sorry about this. If you think he missed something because of a broken arm, please remember that his recording machine was still going. Coleman Kerry never forgets anything.

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Dr. E. B. Turner, Pastor, First Church, Lumberton as a Vice-President was seen presiding over one of the major sessions.

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Dr. Joy J. Johnson, Pastor, First Church, Fairmont presided over one of the major sessions as a Vice-President.

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Dr. Leon C. Riddick, Pastor, Mount Carmel, Charlotte is to be commended for his outstanding leadership of the Convention's powerful Program Committee.

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Many of our pastors and laymen are on their way to attend the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. meeting in Fort Worth, Texas; the National Baptist Convention of America meeting in Dallas, Texas and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. meeting in Chicago. Your Editor will be in Chicago. He is the Recording Secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

SAINT JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR



Bullock

Bullock has been elected pastor of the Saint James Baptist Church, thus filling a vacancy of more than two years created by the death of the late Dr. W. L. Mason. Reverend Bullock is a native of Oxford, North Carolina where he received his elementary and secondary education. He earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree and the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. After further study Shaw awarded him the Master of Divinity Degree.

In 1960 Reverend Bullock was ordained into the ministry by the Granville County Line Association.

Prior to accepting the call and challenge to minister at Saint James, he served the pastorship of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Creedmoor, North Carolina; Snow Hill Baptist Church, Warrenton, North Carolina and First Baptist, Weldon, North Carolina. While pastoring, he also served as public school teacher in the North Warren High School, Wise, North Carolina; the John Graham High School, Warrenton, North Carolina and as teacher and counselor of the Northwest High School, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

His civic affiliations include: president of the Weldon City Schools PTA, Co-chairman of the Weldon Human Relations Committee and Chairman of the Weldon United Voters League.

He is married to the former Miss Shirley V. Wilkerson of Oxford, North Carolina. They have three sons: Eric, Charles Terrell and Cedric.

RECORDINGS OF CONVENTION

Cassettes at \$2.50 per Cassette or 2 Messages on a reel of tape at \$3.00 each of the Convention Messages may be obtained by sending the name of the Message or Messages you desire to: Corbin Cooper, P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

Include your name, address and zip code together with your check made payable to the Baptist State Convention. (Messages to select from) — Otis Moss, O. B. Burson, W. R. Strassner, W. B. Lewis, Malvin R. Goode, W. C. Somerville and Mrs. W. C. Somerville.

EBENEZER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS

By SAMUEL A. RAPER, Contributing Editor

The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association and allied bodies held their annual session at Hopewell Church, Shelby, N. C., June 28-30. The Rev. C. V. Owens, host pastor.

The keynote preacher was Dr. C. R. Edwards, General Baptist State Convention president. Other sermons were by Rev. Preston Pendergrass of Charlotte; our own Rev. F. R. Giles; Dr. P. B. Barnette and Rev. I. Milledge. The preachers each brought informative, inspiring, and soul moving messages. The devotional services were directed by Rev. R. B. Blanton.

Our General Baptist State Convention executive secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, ably presented the work and needs of our "state convention"; and challenged his listeners to get a broader vision and to make a full commitment to the program of Jesus Christ.

The moderator's address challenged the churches of the association to become unified and effective witnesses for Christ in a confused world. The Rev. D. A. Costner was re-elected to moderate the association for the ensuing year.

The Brotherhood Department, directed by Mr. Z. T. Borders, held a session Wednesday morning. This department was organized last November. It seems destined to prove its worth in this area. The Ushers Board met Thursday morning. It returned Mr. James T. Adams to its presidency.

The Junior Missionaries were in charge of the program Thursday night. The Woman's Auxiliary and Young Adults held their meetings Friday. Mrs. J. H. White is president of the Auxiliary.

Friday evening a joint session was held with the vice-moderator and moderator presiding.

This was acclaimed as a successful year and as one of the best of Ebenezer's sessions.

DR. JOHNSON TO HOST HOLY LAND TOUR

Leaving from Charlotte on December 4, Dr. J. J. Johnson will lead a group on a tour to the Holy Land. The cost of the tour is \$598.00. If you desire to go with this fine group, let Dr. Johnson know by September 1 at P. O. Box 455, Fairmont, N. C. 28340 or call him at 628-6842.

CELEBRATED "MEN AND WOMEN OF TROAS" OF NORTH CAROLINA

Those who refuse to doubt the words of Jesus (Matt. 28:1-17) "But some doubt".

These persons have led their churches and organizations to give \$1,000.00 or more to Foreign Missions during the year.

Mrs. Vera Slade
Mrs. M. A. Horne
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REVEREND C. M. DeLOATCH RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE



De Loatch

At the close of the 1971-1972 school year, C. M. DeLoatch, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church and other churches surrounding Scotland Neck, North Carolina; Home/School coordinator, Halifax County Public Schools was recently notified that he had been selected by Esphilon Phi Psi, a national fraternity organization of clergymen's that he was a recipient of an honorary doctor of humane letters (LN.D.) degree, by the University of Eastern Florida.

This honor has been bestowed upon him because of his outstanding achievements in the area of human rights movement sponsored by Esphilon Phi Psi and the International Clergymen's Organization of which he is a member.

In college he was selected as the outstanding Christian student leader of the year. He accepted Shiloh Baptist Church as his first pastorate in 1959

whereas today the membership has increased greatly and the budget has tripled.

Rev. De Loatch has been cited for his instrumentality of working with poverty stricken people especially as follows: Social security, Health, Finance and his on the scene personal contact to encourage all people and especially the young to take advantage of educational opportunities. Under his direction and persistent effort an act by the North Carolina General Assembly was recently reversed by the United States Supreme Court (Scotland Neck City School System).

He has been in part responsible for many of the area young people continuing their education beyond the elementary and high school level.

Rev. De Loatch did his undergraduate study at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina; graduate studies at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina and LaSalle University (correspondence), Chicago, Illinois. He is at present matriculating at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia.

He is a past president, Scotland Neck Improvement Association; Woodland, N. C. Burial Association; past assistant principal, Enfield High School; past member of board of directors, Chowan Area Development Association. His membership at present includes the following: Halifax County NAA-CP; International Clergymans' Association; Executive, Ordination and Mission boards of the Neuse River Baptist Missionary Association; Beulah and Middle Ground Associations of North Carolina; National Education Association and Secondary Association of Social Studies Teachers, U.S.A.

Rev. De Loatch is married to Launsie Walden De Loatch and they have three children. They reside at 511 East 16th Street, Scotland Neck, N. C.

WILL THE EDEN EVENT BE REPEATED EVER AFTER CHRIST GAVE HIS LIFE?

By ABRAHAM WALTON

This morning enroute to school, I heard the news reporter for one of our local news stations give the headlines of his news for the day. I felt very good, when I heard the phrase, the X church bought X amount of land in X location. I felt here are a people and a leader who are on their way, with the help of God, and the mustard seed faith, to do what Je-

sus commanded, evangelize the community and state. However, when the news was over, I learned from the story that these were people like those in the pool room; those in the nude club; those in the beer garden; those like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, trying to perpetuate their own selfish aims and desires. Like the man in the pool room, he seeks to pocket the balls or win the money just to satisfy his own selfish desire. The member of the nude club, there to fulfill a selfish crave. The man in the beer garden just wants another can to satisfy his own crave. Therefore, X church and X preacher is just like Adam and Eve, following their own interest, to become as gods; however, X church and X preacher happens not to be seeking to become gods. They are seeking to destroy the very cause and principle of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. X church and X preacher are working to maintain social segregation.

What I'm saying is this, when we depart from the teachings of Jesus with no intention of following them, we are like Adam and Eve in the Garden. Whether it is a church, an individual, or whoever it is, when we leave the teachings of Jesus to follow our own selfish aims and desires, we are crucifying Christ with the Adam Act. For the Adam Act is rooted deeply in selfishness, pride, and self-will.

This is the case today with many of these present rising Christian schools sponsored by many of our churches. The very use of the word Christian is just like the leaves Adam used, they are put there to hide something, and so is the Christian label of these segregated Christian schools. What a shame to do Jesus this way in a time like this? What I'm saying is this, to sign Christians to these schools is like signing your name to a \$5.00 check, when you know the money is not in the bank, and you have no intention to put it in there. This act will be a misdemeanor. Many of these Christian schools led by the churches are the results of the Supreme Court's decision of 1954 and the recent Civil Rights Laws to enforce the Court's decision. They are like the check signer, they don't intend to be Christians in practice. Just try them and you will see. They just want to keep black and white children separate.

Will the church commit the Adam Act again? This writer hardly thinks so. Christ has spoken and given his approval to the true church, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This writer believes these schools will in short be like the slave auction block, just a symbol of another scandalous act in American history. God's will, and the principles for which Jesus died, must prevail in earth. Brotherhood is here and will soon be practiced in its fullness by all Christian men.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORS DR. McCLEAVE



McCleave

Dr. M. P. McCleave, Pastor of Edwards Grove, Liberty was honored with a Testimonial Dinner at the Holiday Inn Friday, August 11 in Greensboro with approximately 200 in attendance.

Dr. McCleave was born in Rock Hill, S. C. He moved to North Carolina before the age of one with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. McCleave, retired minister and public school teachers.

He was educated in the public schools of Chatham County, attended Hampton Institute and is a graduate of the New York School of Floral Designing. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree and the Master of Science Degree from North Carolina A. & T. College, and has done further study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University, Raleigh. His theological training is the result of attending numerous course offerings, Institutes, Workshops, and training sessions conducted by Shaw University; The General Baptist State Convention; The North Carolina Baptist Convention; and Hampton Institute.

Since 1952, he has been an Instructor of Horticulture at North Carolina A. & T. State University. He is also director of the School of Agriculture and Plant Science greenhouse. He is Vice Moderator of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association; member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention; Past president of the Deep River Baptist Training Union Congress; Member of the Advisory Board to the Home Health Services, Randolph County Health Department; and West Liberty Improvement Association. He is a member of the American Association of University Professors, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Boy Scout Committeeman, Greensboro Pulpit Forum, Greensboro Ministers Fellowship, Liberty Ministerial Association, Notary Public Association, and Tri-State Growers Association.

Included on the program were: The Honorable Joy J. Johnson, North Carolina House of Representatives, who served as Toastmaster and gave the Invocation. Dr. Lewis Dowdy, Chancellor, North Carolina A. & T. State University, Greensboro, presented Dr. McCleave with a Presidential Citation. Solos were beautifully done by Mr. Derek Foxx, Greensboro College and member of First Church, Siler City.

Felicitations were given by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Mr. C. C. Hough, Family Representative, Washington, D. C.; Dr. B. C. Webb, Dean, School of Agriculture, A. & T. State University, Greensboro; Mrs. Maria Foxx Spaulding, Analyst, State Personnel Department, Raleigh; Dr. W. A. Blount, Winston-Salem State University; The Honorable Dr. J. B. Griffith, Jr., Mayor, Town of Liberty, N. C. who presented Dr. McCleave with a Citation from the Town Board; Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University who presented a Distinguished Service Plaque. **A Poet is Born** was done by Mrs. Carrie H. Kelley, A. & T. State University.

CHURCH OF THE MONTH SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

As in the case of many rural churches, Shiloh Baptist Church began as a brush arbor. In the exact spot one mile east of Arcola, where the home of the late Sprig Williams now stands, the Shiloh congregation first met.

Later, in 1869, the first building was erected. It was a log cabin with a fireplace at one end and a single aisle arrangement with men worshippers on one side and the ladies on the other. It was named Haywood Hill. Sometime afterward the name was changed to Shiloh.

The first pastor was the Rev. June Alston. Church records do not show the number of charter members of the first congregation. At present, 149 members are led by the Rev. William H. Lucas.

The second building was a frame structure, as was the third which burned in March, 1966. The present church building was completed in 1967. It is modern in every respect, including an all-electric heating system.

Services are held twice monthly. Special programs are held on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Shiloh Baptist Church is located on N. C. Highway No. 43 in the Arcola Community.

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Where Are You Going?

Delivered by Dr. Malvin R. Goode, United Nations Correspondent - American Broadcasting Company on Youth Night at the All Baptist Assembly in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, August 16, 1972.

There is tremendous personal pride in my appearance before this convention tonight first, because I was born just twelve miles north of the Virginia-North Carolina line in Brunswick County, Virginia; secondly, because in my book, this is one of the key Southern states which took the lead in trying to resolve the critical problem of racial disunity under the biracial leadership of men like Terry Sanford, Kelly Alexander, the late Dr. Graham, Charles McLean, Dr. Hargraves, the Spauldings of Durham, Dr. Lionel Newsome and hundreds who, in the past quarter of a century, helped to lead this great state out of the darkness of bigotry into the sunlight of dignity for ALL men. Thirdly, it is an honor to talk to the Youth of this convention and this state because you hold, in part, the KEY to tomorrow's world and I must challenge you to equip and prepare yourselves to accept this challenge. I have the privilege to hopefully outline the road you should follow; to point out the challenges you must face, and to warn you, with deep respect and admiration for your generation, that TOMORROW CAN BE WORTHWHILE ONLY if each of you determines to play an active part in bringing about the changes so badly needed in our society.

At the very outset I implore our young people to develop a respect for the Church as an institution with special emphasis on what has been termed the Negro Church. Without it, from the days of slavery until the present time, we surely would have either been vanquished, or we would have lost our sanity while trying to endure the ignominies, the slavery, the brutality, the punishment heaped upon us. It is irksome to note the apathy, disinterest, and actual demeaning of the Church by Black Young and Old. . . . many of them educated at Johnson C. Smith, formerly Bidell; Morehouse, Morris Brown, Virginia Seminary, Wilberforce, Arkansas Baptist, Virginia Union, St. Augustine and other stalwart institutions of Learning founded and supported by the church. Last week in Researching for a speech in St. Louis it was interesting to note that in the early 1800's, despite the law against educating slaves, the Church conducted classes. Many operated secretly until the law forbidding the education of slaves was repealed in 1865. More recently the entire process of desegregation of St. Louis schools was accomplished "with comparative ease" because the church was active in this process.

Secondly I want you to develop a RESPECT for yourself. I'm certain you are tired of cliches and self-righteous proclamations of some leaders who would have you believe they have all the answers and surely I do not want to be placed in that category, but I would urge you to determine THIS day you shall strive to make the words of Shakespeare meaningful . . . "And this above all, to thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day . . . thou canst not then be false to any man." This is a powerful axiom of life which is just as applicable today as it was three centuries ago. The failure of mankind to be true to himself has resulted in present fears, frustrations, inner hatreds, and other shortcomings in our society which ought not exist in what some consider the most advanced civilization Man has ever known. The psychological sicknesses, the confused priorities which almost overwhelm us, can be traced directly to our failure in being "true to thine ownself." If we are to have a great Tomorrow, I urge you to rid yourselves of the barnacle of Hate. We must stop this "Hate Whitey" philosophy for this offers no more than "Hate Blackey". Then let us stop the inner name-calling . . . "Uncle Tom", "Oreo Cookie" . . . and expressions that serve to widen the generation gap like "What is relevant and what is not relevant." If Tomorrow is to have real meaning, if we are to solve the problems which plague us, we must have mutual respect for each other within the race and between the races. I plead with you to believe me when we adults do understand . . . call it rebellious, revolting, revolutionary . . . but we know why you won't buy our standards of morality . . . our ways of treating each other and I admire you for that kind of revolt. I like your qualitative difference in the words of Sydney Harris and yourself actualizing to make your life have point and purpose. Some of us understand why you do not want to fit into a mold of your elders and admire you for this resistance. If you are asking that our affluent society provide more than a plentitude of material goods . . . that it opens new vistas or realizing individual potential, not in the economic realm, but in the realm of moral values, sensory experiences, creative expression and personal fulfillment . . . believe me, young people, we are for you 100%. But I ask . . . "Is it too much to ask that we join forces . . . combine the best of the past with what you consider the best for the future and build together a real Tomorrow?"

My experience over the years has shown me that basically most men are decent, and you can work with them to bring about the kind of nation . . . and world where EVERY MAN is free.

In order that you might know that we know about the problems, let me list some of the challenges for Tomorrow. Our "untruthfulness to ourselves is evidenced by the poverty in the Appalachian regions of which this state is a part. Tonight twenty mil-

lion Americans will go to bed hungry. We must admit shamefacedly that 30% of our population is poorly housed and one half of that number happens to be Black. There is not a single state in this Union which is not plagued by pockets of Poverty and yet this nation spends three billions dollars each year on the care of pet dogs. When Senator Hollings of South Carolina wrote his book about poverty in that state, his senior colleague, Senator Strom Thurmond remarked . . . "We've had poor people since the time of Christ." Our "untruthfulness" to ourselves was blatantly revealed a couple summers ago in Congress when a debate was in progress for a three million dollar appropriation to eradicate the menace of rats in many communities. Some said humorously . . . " . . . it would be money going down a rat hole" and still another from Virginia said jokingly . . . "let us defeat this Rat bill, rat now!" This kind of humor when a child is bitten by a rat every sixteen hours in the so-called "great city of New York" alone. The week after that debate riots broke out in six different cities and almost one half billion dollars worth of property was destroyed in one of those cities and forty-three lives lost in the holocaust. Who is there to say the intransigence, the callousness, the cruelty, yes the "untruthfulness" of those Congressmen did not contribute to those outbreaks.

Our system of justice is not only outmoded, but has a double standards where Blacks, Chicanos, Mexicans, Indians and Puerto Ricans are concerned. Our penal institutions . . . North and South . . . are crowded with 50% to 85% minority inmates. Last Tuesday in New York the courts found a Stock Broker guilty of swindling which cost his customers \$800,000. He was sentenced to one year in jail and re-sentenced the following day to one year and one day in jail in order to make him eligible for parole. A Black man steals a TV set and is sent to the Workhouse for three years. You, the youth of our time, must address yourselves to bringing about a SINGLE standard of justice in the land.

We are prone to boast of our accomplishments in Health and Science. Since the early years of this century we have conquered many of the major diseases which plagued Mankind . . . Yellow Fever, Diptheria, Tuberculosis, Pneumonia, and scientists work feverishly in the laboratories now to find the cure for Arthritis, Heart Trouble, Leukemia and Cancer. Yet we still must pass the hat publicly to obtain funds for this research when billions are wasted by industry and government in useless, senseless projects which we will discuss in a moment.

Our educational system is reputedly the best in the world but because of neglect and callousness,

children are graduating from our secondary schools unable "to read a funny book" in the words of Dr. Kenneth Clark. Moreover, our local communities are so short of funds that millions of children must go to school in shifts because there are not enough \$10 chairs and \$25 desks. All of these shortcomings exists when we are spending nearly one hundred billion dollars per year on our military establishment. In Vietnam alone, we spend more than thirty million each day. Have you any idea what one week's Vietnam spending . . . 210 million . . . would do for Shaw, Johnson C. Smith, St. Augustine, Bennett, North Carolina Teachers College, and for the public school systems of this state? In Health again, hundreds of communities are without doctors today because there are not enough facilities to train physicians. (Emprium, Pa., Staunton, Va., Burrell Memorial Hospital in Roanoke as examples). Forty member colleges of the United Negro College Fund share in less than \$12 million raised each year. My friends keep telling me . . . "If we didn't spend the money in Vietnam, it would not be spent for these other priorities." That's the challenge then to you. You must help rearrange our priorities and thus, I challenge you, my young friends, to grapple head-on with these problems which afflict our society. This must be a part of your search for Truth, your determination to be true to yourself . . . and that's all that gives us hope for Tomorrow.

Let me sound Religionistic for a moment. We have not been true to ourselves morally and thus today we pay a horrible price for this neglect. Our day-to-day application of the simple religious axiom . . . the Golden Rule . . . is so absent in our everyday lives. Our moral standards are at a low ebb. Court records indicate almost one out of every three marriages end in divorce. Today men desert their wives and children on the slightest provocation and move across town with a paramour, content with paying a small percentage of their earnings for support of their own flesh and blood. To the young men here tonight . . . let the care, love, affection and support of those you bring into the world be paramount, for we cannot have a normal society if these practices continue. Every child is entitled to a normal home life with mother and father to supply the spiritual as well as physical needs. Many of our most critical social problems today stem from the products of broken homes. Here I'd like to ask every church represented to work with your local Social agencies to help find decent homes for neglected children for if they are not cared for they may be the young men and women who will rob, mug, and rape your children in the years ahead.

To Be Continued Next Month

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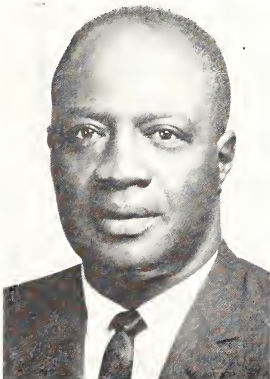


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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Raleigh will be jammed with Baptists, August 14-18, when the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. assembles all of its auxiliaries for an all Baptist Assembly. The central meeting place will be Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium with auxiliary meetings being conducted at First Baptist Church, Shaw University and Tupper Memorial Baptist Church.

This will be an exciting week with the convention working around the theme: "A United Witness For A Confused World."

Many strong sermons and addresses will clearly develop this theme. A real challenge will be presented.

We are well on the way with our 1972 convention budget of \$471,000.00. We will really be about the accomplishment of our work to complete this year's budget at the Assembly. Let us make this our goal. We have the associations, churches, pastors, and laymen to make the budget come out balanced.

We will meet you in Raleigh for a great week with Christ.

RIDDICK ELECTED

Leon Riddick, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte and a powerful leader of the General Baptist Convention was recently elected President of the Hampton Ministers' Conference.

This is one of the nation's top Ministers' Conferences that is held each year on the campus of Hampton Institute. We wish for Dr. Riddick success as he leads this great body and pledge to him our support.

MEN'S DAY AT FELLOWSHIP

One of the most unique and well planned Men's Day Observances was experienced by your editor in the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte where Coleman Kerry is Pastor, on Sunday, June 25. Dr.

Kerry is a great pastor and spiritual leader with a great mind. This is reflected in every phase of the life of Friendship.

The editor had the privilege of delivering the Men's Day Sermon to a packed church. The service was filled with deep spiritual significance with a great choir and fervent singing. There was no Men's Day rally, all I saw was the passing of the offering plates for Tithes and Love Gifts. There is all evidence that Friendship is a big, happy church family.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 14-18—All Baptist Assembly - General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh
August 28-Sept. 1—Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Norfolk, Virginia
Sept. 5-10—National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
Sept. 5-10—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, Illinois
Sept. 5-10—National Baptist Convention of America, Dallas, Texas

TO: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND COLLEGE FRESHMEN WHO ARE ACTIVE BTU MEMBERS

By: MRS. HAZEL F. McLEAN
Director of Oratorical Contest

The James F. Wertz B.T.U. Oratorical Contest will be held on Thursday Morning, August 17, 1972 at 10:25 in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

All young people who are planning to recite, please send your name, address, church, pastor and topic to:

Mrs. Hazel McLean
Box 185 - Caledonia Rd.
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GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINE

MONDAY

Registration Memorial Auditorium
 11:00 A.M. Board Meeting—
 Woman's Home and Foreign Mission
 First Baptist Church, Wilmington
 and Morgan Streets
 2:00 P.M. Executive Committee—
 General Baptist Convention
 First Baptist Church
 3:00 P.M. General Board—
 General Baptist Convention
 First Baptist Church
 7:30 P.M. Convention Assembly
 Memorial Auditorium
 Feature Address:
 Dr. Benjamin E. Mays,
 President Emeritus,
 Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

TUESDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON

Auxiliary Meetings
 Sunday School and B.T.U.; Ushers; Laymen
 Meeting in Shaw University Church

Woman's Convention; Seniors; Young Adults
 Meeting in First Baptist Church
 Junior - Young People
 Tupper Memorial Baptist Church

TUESDAY EVENING

7:30 P.M. Memorial Auditorium

WEDNESDAY

All Sessions Memorial Auditorium

THURSDAY MORNING

Auxiliary Meetings

Sunday Schol and B.T.U. Woman's Convention
 Ushers Seniors
 Laymen Young Adults
 Junior - Young People

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

7:30 P.M. Memorial Auditorium

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30 A.M. Memorial Auditorium

Music

Combined Choirs of Raleigh Raleigh
 Metropolitan Baptist Choir Rocky Mount
 The Woman's Convention Choir

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 Oxford
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RESOLUTIONS

EAST ROCKFORD MISSIONARY

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MRS. J. E. BOSWELL, PIANIST

Whereas, it has been the will of God in His omnipotence to remove from our presence this beautiful life of Sister Annie C. Martin, and Sister though from yonder sky, cometh neither voice nor cry; yet we know for thee, today every pain has passed away, and

Whereas, she by her regular and loyal attendance to the choir has left us a most worthy example to follow, and

Whereas, the choir has lost a consecrated member, and we hereby express our appreciation for her Christian life and what it meant to the choir, where she worked so willingly; we shall miss

her cheerful words and friendly smiles; they will live in our hearts.

Be It Resolved, that while we bow submissively to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we deeply moan over the loss of our dearly beloved Sister and friend, who is asleep upon the Saviour's breast.

Dear Rev. Martin and relatives, do not weep. Your loved one is at rest. She was lent to you, and to us just for a while. Now she is singing with the angels, in the light of Jesus' smile.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to the church and one be sent to the **Baptist Informer** for publication.

Mrs. Lucille Tanner

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Committee

Woman's Page----



The Reverend J. C. Harris
Camp Director

The Youth Bible Camp

The Youth Bible Camp of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention organized twenty-one (21) years ago by Dr. Ellen S. Alston is traveling New Paths and Reaching New Heights. From all indications the camp will operate



Dr. W. B. Lewis
Co-Camp Director

on the Camp Site in Laurinburg next June over a period of ten (10) weeks.

The Reverend J. C. Harris and Dr. W. B. Lewis are the newly elected Camp Director and Co-Director, respectively. These young Ministers are well qualified for the task and we pray for continued success of our counselors and young people.

BAPTIST WOMEN AND YOUTH SEEK APPROVAL

More than 500 Baptist Women and Youth paused during the week of June 12-16 to "seek approval 'unto God a workman (leader) that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth' (2 Tim. 2:15b)". They came to The Shaw University, from the seashore to the mountains, to participate in the Thirty-Fifth Annual Woman's Training Conference and the Twenty-First Annual Youth Bible Camp and Charm Clinic.

Some declared themselves as leaders, others as followers, but all came to study, worship, fellowship and praise God in an atmosphere that illustrated the love of God. In cooperation with The Shaw University, Mrs. M. A. Horne, executive secretary-treasurer, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., and Mrs. J. B. McLester, first vice-president, planned a most stimulating and rewarding program for the women. They served as conference chairman and co-chairman, respectively. The Youth Bible Camp and Charm Clinic continued

to increase in numbers under the able directorship of the Reverend J. C. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville and Dr. W. B. Lewis, pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh. Mrs. Virginia Daye, State Youth Advisor, was Camp Co-ordinator.

The missionary workshop instructors were Mrs. J. B. McLester and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, fourth vice-president, WBH&FMC. From the study of "Christian Leadership" by Mrs. Mary Frances Preston, the group concluded that they should give their best (all) to God and trust Him to give the best back to them, a peace which passeth all understanding.

The Campers were divided into groups with advisors or counselors. Their activities included study, recreation, charm clinic, sight-seeing, among many other things, and a most thought-provoking message by Miss Vera M. Rhyne of Jacksonville and a student at The Shaw University. From the theme, she chose "Getting Ourselves Together" as her subject. She lifted hearts and stirred souls as she spoke like "one with authority". She called "grace a 'Re-

deemer' ", and challenged the youth and adults to "fulfill our obligation in setting free the things over which we have no control," "To give a loaf of bread and share the 'Bread of Life' ", "also to forget the oppression and reach forth to the things ahead . . . in completion of 'Getting Ourselves Together' ". "This, she said, can best be accomplished by putting on the whole armour of God and waiting on the Holy Spirit."

Thursday was designated as "Woman's Night". The charming way in which the women dressed demonstrated this. The music was furnished by the Good Hope Baptist Church Choir, Raleigh and their pastor, Rev. C. R. Trotter, read the Scripture. A special seat was reserved for the Ministers' Wives of Raleigh, Mrs. W. E. Edgerton, president. Greetings were extended by Dr. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University and his charming wife; Dr. C. R. Edwards, president, General Baptist Convention of N. C., Inc, and Mrs. E. B. Turner, second vice-president, WBH&FMC.

Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Youth Supervisor, was surprised when Mrs. Luella D. Edwards, State Youth Adult Director, presented her a plaque, on behalf of the Woman's Convention, for having served as Bible Camp Director for twenty years. A group of Campers sang "If I Can Help Somebody" and presented Mrs. Pratt with an arm bouquet and a special gift. Mrs. Jennie E. Hall of Washington, D. C., editor of the Lott Carey Herald and dean, Education Department, National Association of Ministers' Wives, spoke from the theme. She told the group that as Christians it is our "responsibility to give God His share of what we have". The Christian's Acrostics climaxed her message in the midst of "amens" and shouts of "Praises to God". Dr. Hargraves presented Mrs. Horne a plaque for the convention for loyalty and concern.

Dr. William A. Jones, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., lectured to the joint sessions of the Woman's Conference, Youth Camp and the Thirty-Sixth Annual Ministers' Institute (which was also in progress). He embraced the hearts of his audience, as he addressed himself to the theme. He reminded the group that "the Black Church must look to God, through Jesus Christ, and not to the systems, politics or any other so-called solution". "We must obtain true freedom, he continued, the ability to say no to a lie and strength to veto a sinful situation." "The Black Churches allegiance is to God".

A special feature of the Camp was the Charm Clinic conducted by Mrs. Eva Jonson of Salisbury, N. C., and a special radio broadcast. Mmes. Mae Newberry and Mattie Mayo, representatives of Tri-Chem Craft Company, presented a workshop in crafts. They are residents of Raleigh and Wake Forest, respectively.

The many, many soul-stirring sermons delivered by the ministers of God from the theme left no doubt in the minds and hearts of many regarding "The Role of the Church in the Liberation of the Oppressed" . . . "to set at liberty those who are oppressed". (Luke 4:18 RSV).

EBENEZER HOSTS BAPTISTS

By MRS. DOLLIE D. HAMMONDS

The Anson County Baptist Missionary Union met at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wadesboro on Saturday, June 24, at 9:45 a.m.

This group is affiliated with the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina which has formed together a union of missionary circles of each Baptist church in the county regardless of association membership.

In Anson County, the Youth, Young Adult, and Senior Department of all churches that belong to the Pee Dee Yaddin-Philadelphia, and Zion Missionary Baptist Associations are members of the Union. It meets quarterly on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday.

Like the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, the Anson County Missionary Union aims to reach every Baptist Church in the County.

Its motto is "Christ In Every Home". The theme for 1971-72 is "New Paths In These Significant Seventies". It has five major objectives which are supported financially: Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education (The Shaw University), Central Orphanage, and the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site. Each church is asked to contribute regularly to them.

Mrs. M. A. Horne is Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Mrs. V. M. Slade, President of the state group. Mrs. Clinton Baswell is special worker, Mrs. D. D. Hammond, President; and Mrs. M. L. Hemphill, Youth Supervisor.

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FROM PRESIDENT SLADE

As we come to the close of another Convention year, once more it is my pleasure to say that I am immeasurably grateful to our Pastors, Sisters, Young Adults, Youth, Layman and Friends who worked so zealously promoting the program of the Woman's Convention.

In particular, I wish to compliment most highly our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne, and the administrative, promotional, and spiritual contribution of the entire Headquarters Staff.

Recognizing that the success of an organization cannot materialize without proper support, I convey to each member of our Convention my very deep appreciation for your ever ready and willing response to our appeals and to our program in general.

May we look to the incoming Convention year with renewed hope and a more dedicated spirit toward the fulfillment of our obligations. Let us rededicate ourselves in our mission of service, and draw strength from the soul-stirring words of the

Psalmist David in the beginning of the 121st Psalm:

"I will lift up mine eyes until the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

With these reassuring words, my fellow Christians, I bid "God Be With You 'Til We Meet," in our "ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY," August 14-18, 1972, Raleigh, North Carolina as a United Witness for a Confused World.

ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY UNITS TO MEET JOINTLY

During the All Baptist Assembly in Raleigh, August 14-18, 1972, the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congresses, the Laymen's League and the Ushers' Convention will meet jointly, Tuesday, the 15th and Thursday morning, the 17th in The Shaw University Church on the campus.

There will be panel discussions, study groups, lay witnessing, a youth forum and contest. Each session will close with an inspirational message.

Below are some of the persons appearing as

speakers and consultants during this period:

Leon Herndon, Jonathan Byers, H. S. Diggs, H. D. Cooper, J. B. Humphrey, N. M. Avery, E. B. Turner, R. T. Gilchrist, T. A. Watkins, Frank Dorato, E. B. Stewart, W. N. Rowe and E. M. Brown.



Leon Herndon

All of these personalities are eminently qualified, and we encourage you to be present.



Jonathan Byers



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J. B. Humphrey



N. M. Avery



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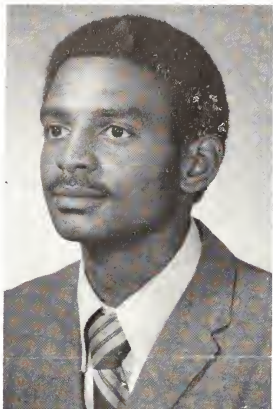
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W. N. Rowe



**REV. CHARLES R. TYNER
PASTOR INSTALLED**

The Reverend Charles R. Tyner was installed as the new pastor of White Oak Baptist Church, Apex, on Sunday, June 11, 1972 at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Josephine Farrar presided over the service.

Included on the program were: Rev. F. L. Rush, Pastor, Holland Chapel Church, Apex, who delivered the Invocation and gave the charge to the church.

Rev. J. A. Stewart, former pastor of White Oak Church read the Scripture and gave the charge to the pastor and read a brief history of the church (One Hundred Seven Years Ago).

Mrs. Marjorie Dunn, Secretary and Bookkeeper of the General Baptist Convention brought greetings from the convention.

Words of welcome were expressed by Miss Willette Farrar, member of the church. A cash gift was presented to the newly installed pastor by Deacon W. H. Mason.

The featured speaker for the occasion was our Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill. As expected, Dr. Sherrill delivered an able sermon that contained a strong challenge to both pastor and church.

Pastor Tyner was presented for a brief response by Deacon L. W. Herndon. Mrs. Ersaldine Bailey, Church Organist and Choir rendered delightful music. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers donated by the wife and children of the late Deacon Garland Herndon, as a memorial to him. The service was filled with inspiration and was well executed by the program personalities.

Since serving as pastor of White Oak Church, the attendance has increased, some reorganization has been done, the church income has more than doubled, and plans are in the making to undergo a comprehensive building program and to strengthen all facets of the total church.



PRESIDENT OF WMU RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS SERVICE


By Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Mrs. Melinda L. Staten, 82, of Clarkton, has retired after serving 40 years as president of the Women's Missionary Union of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She is a lifelong resident of the Clarkton community.

At her retirement in her last president's address to the annual session, Mrs. Staten quoted: "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." (John 10:9)

"What a delightful feeling one has deep down inside when she goes to visit a friend and in answer to her knock the door is opened wide and a friendly invitation to come in is given. How thrilling it is to go home or to a sisters or brothers to find the door opens as one turns the knob, and one rushes in, not thinking of knocking, to have a part in the fellowship of the family group, sure of the welcome love will give. As joyous as these experiences are, however, even deeper joy does one have in being a member of the spiritual kingdom, a child of the heavenly Father admitted to this family through Jesus Christ, the Door to the family of God."

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Special Session To Winston-Salem

A special session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is called to convene in the Shiloh Baptist Church, Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor, Winston-Salem on Tuesday, October 31. Those items of business that were not completed during the All Baptist Assembly will be wrapped up at this time. An inspiring program is being planned for this one day meeting. President Edwards and Executive Sherrill are expecting to see all of us in Winston-Salem.

Executive Secretary To Be Honored

General Baptists will honor Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill after twenty-five (25) years of faithful service to the Baptists of North Carolina. A Testimonial Dinner will be held in his honor on Friday, November 17. Dr. Sherrill has labored long and hard even to the point of extreme sacrifice for the Baptist work. He is deserving of any honors bestowed upon him. All of us should be looking forward to getting to Raleigh and joining in the praise to a man who has meant so much to all of the Baptists in North Carolina.

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APPRECIATION SERVICE FOR REV. ALTON ALSTON



Rev. Alston

On August 19, 1972, Rev. Alton Thomas Alston of Burlington and pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Orange County was given a surprise appreciation dinner at the Carolina Friends School on Couch Road. Members of the church, the community and his family and friends attended the affair.

The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Harold Royster. Guest ministers attending the affair were Rev. Edgar Thompson, pastor of Community Baptist Church, Durham, N. C.; Rev. J. R. Burt, moderator of New Hope Association and pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church and Rev. P. T. Foster, son-in-law of Rev. Alston and pastor of Terrell Creek Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Rev. Alston was presented many gifts, which included a money tree.

During his seven years as pastor of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, the congregation has seen many changes; increased membership, increased Sunday School memberships and a new edifice has been completed. The services have grown from two per month to four. In all, Rev. Alston has been an inspiration to the members of the church and community.

The dinner was organized and hosted by the Kitchen Committee and Gospel Chorus of the church.

BUTLER SPEAKS TO NATIONAL BAPTISTS

By MRS. DORIS D. HUNT

Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina was one of the featured speakers in Fort Worth, Texas to the National Baptist Convention on Wednesday, September 6, 1972 at 2:15 P.M. The Theme for this convention was "THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST IN CRUCIAL TIMES." Dr. Butler spoke from the subject, "Preaching The Signs of Christian Distinction." An appreciative delegation of personalities from the State of North Carolina was in attendance. These delegates sat in a body at the time of the delivery of the message by Dr. Butler.

This occasion was a most rewarding experience for Pastor Butler.

THE LOTT CAREY CONVENTION

Guest Editorial by

S. R. JOHNSON, JR.

(Following is an editorial written by the Reverend S. R. Johnson, Jr. on the Lott Carey Convention that reveals much of this convention's history. Thought you would enjoy reading this).

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention explicated 75 years of Christian integrity at its Diamond Jubilee celebration in Norfolk recently (August 28-September 7). This national organization of Black Baptist churchmen that has lived for three-quarters of a century having no discrepancy, is a credit to devoted and efficient leadership and religious cooperation. It demonstrates that Black people can manage both religion and business successfully. Such a creditable achievement is a well-earned tribute for Black preachers and their con-

gregations whose multiplicity of problems most of the time seems never-ending.

Such honorable and undisputed accomplishment among these dedicated churchmen proves what soul religion — Black power seasoned with green-back power — can do when properly administered and correctly channeled. This achievement demonstrates the Negro church's ability as a business organization as well as a religious body, and its members can preach, sing and shout loudly their praises according to their inner feelings.

Contrary to certain modern-day soap box non-producing orators and philosophers who are out to kill the Black church, Lott Carey has risen above their criticisms. This organization tells the world that the Negro church's ability as a spiritual force is also efficient in the conducting of its affairs. Millions of dollars have passed through the hands of this organization and Black banks for 75 years without a single discrepancy. Annually, the convention's books are audited by a Certified Public Accountant whose reports have been commendable.

It might be noted that the bulk of these funds (75%) have been used, according to the organization's laws, for foreign missions in Africa, Haiti and India. Snap judgments and biased criticisms of the Black church and its missions, by many who have benefitted from its educational and mission opportunities that would have not otherwise been possible, is indeed unfortunate.

The organization's success is a monument of the loyalty and devotion of such religious leaders as the late William Alexander, A. A. Graham, A. A. Alexander, A. W. Pegues, W. H. Johnson, the Bullock Brothers of Raleigh, and Washington, D. C.; J. H. Randolph, A. L. James, C. E. Griffin, P. A. Bishop, U. G. Wilson, N. L. Scarbough, J. C. Hairston, A. W. Brown, J. S. L. Holloman, R. L. Holloman and R. M. Pitts; also Mesdames Alberta Randolph and W. L. Ransome who now rest with other religious immortals; and thousands of others who caught the vision of Lott Carey and other former slaves who sought to live and to develop a people and a country of their own.

Guided by the inspiration of the late Dr. C. S. Brown of Winton, N. C., who served as the organization's chief motivating force for 50 years, Lott Carey has been established upon a sound foundation that today would be a credit to any religious organization of any ethnic group anywhere in the world.

Wendell C. Sommerville, a native of Reidsville, N. C., the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Sommerville, has served as the convention's executive

secretary since 1940. Working closely with an alert board of administrators, the growth of Lott Carey has been rewarding.

Dr. Sommerville received his early education in the public schools of Portsmouth, Va., and earned his undergraduate degree from Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; and his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Arts degree in Missions from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Shaw University and Howard University have honored him with honorary Citations.

Today, he serves as Lott Carey's chief ambassador to Africa, Haiti and India where the bulk of the convention's work is assigned. He has made more than 20 trips outside the United States and is associated with numerous national and international organizations.

Lott Carey's headquarters is at Washington, D. C., where there is an administration building and a residence for the executive secretary and students who seek to prepare for the mission field. One of Lott Carey's highest achievements was the discovery of the Honorable Angie Brooks in her native Liberia by Mrs. Minnie Lyons (retired of Raleigh, N. C., after 25 years on the mission field). The dynamic Miss Brooks climaxed a successful career as she served as President of the United Nations Security Council. Other natives from mission fields supported by Lott Carey have done well also, thanks to the organization's honesty and time-tested integrity.

Dr. Brown, the energetic minister and educator who served as president of Lott Carey from 1898 until 1936, impressively dramatized the objectives of the convention in an address delivered February 12, 1926. Among other things he said the organization was "to stimulate the foreign mission spirit among the churches on our home field, to do exclusively foreign missions which was divinely imposed upon the churches" and "to enlist all pastors in a movement to see that the Lord's command is literally carried out."

The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission was organized December 16, 1897 at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. This week it is celebrating its 75th anniversary in sessions at New Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Dr. Milton A. Reid, host pastor.

The Journal and Guide proudly congratulates and commends the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and the dedicated religious leaders who toil in its vineyards during this grand diamond jubilee celebration.

Woman's Page----



MRS. CLARA N. HAYES

AND THE

FORSYTH MISSIONARY UNION

"Give Me My Flowers Now"

The Forsyth Missionary Union honored its president, Mrs. Clara N. Hayes during its Annual Anniversary Celebration at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor. The theme of the surprise program was "Clara N. Hayes, This Is Your Life."

Mrs. Hayes with well chosen words presented Dr. Butler to deliver the Anniversary Message. Dr. Butler in his own unique manner stood and said "Mrs. Hayes, I am not going to preach — This Is Your Life." The honoree was surprised, speechless and tearful." (Women can keep a secret). Mr. J. P. Hayes, the honoree's husband ascended the rostrum to give moral support.

Relatives and friends from North Carolina, Virginia and New York City were present with gifts for this gala occasion. Many gifts were presented including a sizeable purse from the Union and local organizations.

Mrs. Hayes has gone beyond the call of duty to make Forsyth Union one of the number one Unions in North Carolina. Other than the dynamic president of the Forsyth Union, she is president of the

New Bethel Baptist Church Senior Missionary Department, member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Convention and the General Baptist Convention, Member of the Executive Board of the Women's Lott Carey Auxiliary and Chairman of its Resolution (standing) Committee, member of the Music Committee of the National Woman's Convention U. S. A., Inc.

Mrs. M. A. Horne presided over this occasion.



**NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN ATTENDING
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN
FORT WORTH, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 5-10**

Left to right, seated: Mesdames T. F. Fraylon, Charlotte; Executive Secretary Horne; Clara Ballentine, Raleigh; Standing, (left to right): Mesdames Helen W. Falls, Winston-Salem; Ethel Bittle, Charlotte; Z. A. Burge, Gastonia; Fannie Wilder, Raleigh; Annie M. Campbell, Charlotte; and Margaret Kerney, Raleigh. Not present for photo: President Vera Slade, Ahoskie; and Mrs. Essie M. Wilson, Winston-Salem.

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PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTISTS GROWING

In the 11th annual session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. meeting in the Sherman House, Chicago, Illinois, it was revealed that this convention is growing rapidly. Many new churches were added to the convention's roll at this session. The Fund of Renewal was overwhelmingly adopted by the convention where a campaign will be launched in cooperation with the American Baptist Convention to support and strengthen minority causes.

Many North Carolina pastors along with many lay members were in attendance. The *Informer* Editor currently serves as the Recording Secretary of this great convention.

A PAUSE FOR TESTING

By HENRY D. COOPER
State Laymen's Secretary

Business firms, both large and small, have learned through the years that they must pause occasionally and test their methods of operating. Their criterion for determining the suitability of a certain process or product is, of course, the amount of financial gain which it brings into the cash register. A factory which started out making buggies seventy-five years ago has to up-grade its product regularly each year, by adding weather-proof curtains, carpeting, rubber tires, and softer springs. Then the year came when it found that an engine had to be added, and it became richer by making automobiles. Other factories which did not continually re-examine their usefulness as mankind moved toward larger communities, increased scientific knowledge, and more complex relationships between individuals, watched their sales dwindle until their doors had to close and their owners became bankrupt.

The Church, as an institution, and each member, as an individual, needs to pause and check on the effectiveness of the effort which is being made to establish an ideal way of life among people. The criterion for success cannot be measured in money or other material concepts, but in the quality of living which the people enjoy. Are people's bodies and possessions safe? Are people searching for agreement rather than victory, one over another? Can we enjoy the earth as a great garden of Eden and at the same time leave its purity and riches for future generations to enjoy also? Are we rearing our children to understand life as a gift from God, so that they will hunger for the finest and noblest achievements of which such life is capable?

We, as General Baptists, believe that we have the method which will give satisfactory answers to these questions. We believe that we have found the key to right living. We believe that if all people would live as we do, there would be no crime, no strife, no poverty, and no delinquency.

Well, then, why aren't other people copying us?

LOTT CAREY CONVENTION HELD IN NORFOLK, VA.

Dr. Walter E. Paige, of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Agnes Jordan, of Portsmouth, Va., were re-elected presidents of the men and women's departments of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention meeting in Norfolk, Va., at the Jubilee session at New Calvary Baptist Church, where the Rev. Milton Reid is pastor. Joseph Marker, from Pittsburgh, Pa., was chosen as new head of the Laymen's League and Willie Battle, Columbus, Ohio, was the choice of the Young People to be their new president.

Others elected were: MEN: First Vice President, Dr. C. R. Edwards, Fayetteville, N. C.; Second Vice President, Dr. J. D. Bussey, Washington, D. C.; Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville, Washington, D. C.; Recording Secretary, Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, Va.; Assistant Recording Secretary, Dr. C. W. Ward, Raleigh, N. C.; Statistician, Dr. L. J. Shipman, Youngstown, Ohio; and Director of Promotions, Dr. M. C. Wood, Baltimore, Md.

LADIES: First Vice President, Mrs. Nettie Ga-



Lott Carey officials approve expansion program for foreign work in Nigeria, Haiti, and India. Reading from left to right are Dr. Walter E. Paige, Baltimore, Maryland; President, Dr. C. H. Jordan, Portsmouth, Virginia; Vice Chairman of the Executive Board; Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville of Washington, D. C., Executive Secretary and Dr. C. R. Edwards, First Vice President of Fayetteville, North Carolina. The group met at New Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia, August 28th thru September 1st.

ther, Washington, D. C.; Second Vice President, Mrs. Vera Slade, Ahoskie, N. C.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Inez C. Thomas, McKeesport, Penna.; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alice McKinney, McKeesport, Penna.; Financial Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. S. Hobbs, Philadelphia, Penna.; Treasurer, Mrs. Ruby Marshall, Washington, D. C.; Historian, Mrs. Jennie Hall, Washington, D. C.; Director of Children and Intermediate Departments, Mrs. Thomas Slater, Philadelphia, Penna.

Opening at New Calvary Baptist Church, on Monday, the Jubilee Session was closed out Friday evening with a Visual Aid program of the organization's work shown by the Rev. Marcus Wood, Director of Promotions of Baltimore, Md. Taped interviews were heard during the evening from the Honorable Angie Brooks, former President of the United Nations Security Council and a product of the Convention from Liberia.

Declaring that "Black missionaries at home and abroad must make race relations work," President Paige in his second annual address at the meeting on Wednesday evening in New Calvary to an overflow audience appealed for reasoning and common sense among all people. The missionary Baptist church must see to it that people learn how to live together. "Nobody wants to live next door to individuals who are untidy." Piling up of debris, throwing trash in the streets and yards is not Christian living. We must begin now to take a personal interest in wholesome living if we are to survive. People need to learn how to live orderly, Mr. Paige emphasized. Lott Carey has for seventy-five years taught at home and abroad the principles of Christian living. This spirit of the pioneering fathers must not be forgotten. The years ahead are challenging and testing, Mr. Paige continued. Ours is the spirit of mission and must be continued.

Wanda Hollinger, a recent graduate of Shaw University, from Akron, Ohio, retiring President of the Young People's Department, who was appointed as a missionary to serve in Liberia electrified a capacity audience at the meeting when she appealed for a dedication from Young People. The need for help and rededication for Youth is number one on the world's calendar, Miss Hollinger stated. "Today's youth wants to see the example in adult leadership and living before a change in the recent break for youth and adults can be mended the newly appointed youthful Missionary indicated in her address. There is a great need for witnessing in all of the world is my reason as a recent college graduate from a Black college for accepting the challenge to work in Liberia.

During the week the Convention adopted an extensive building program in Liberia, Haiti and India. A Teacherage is to be built by the Demacus

Construction Company in Liberia who has been awarded a contract that will be under the supervision of the Honorable Angie Brooks, Assistant Executive for the African work in Liberia. This project has been approved by President William R. Tolbert of Liberia.

A Leper Clinic was voted to be built in St. Marks, Haiti, sponsored by the Zion Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. The Rev. Marcus Williams and his congregation will sponsor the project.

In India, the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Penna. granted permission to erect a Leper Colony Building in Memory of the late Dr. Abner Nelson, who was supervisor of the convention's affairs in India. Nigeria was voted a Mobile unit to enlarge its missionary efforts.

According to Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville's annual report over three hundred thousand dollars was collected during the year, which is the largest sum received in the convention's history for missions. Next year's meeting will be in Pittsburgh, Penna., at the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Dr. R. A. Laws, Pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and former minister of the Queen Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, preached the Diamond Jubilee Sermon on Wednesday afternoon and gave special attention to the pioneering leaders of Lott Carey.

The Reverends Noel Taylor and George Dudley, City Councilmen of Roanoke, Va. and Rocky Mount, N. C., appeared during the week as special guests during the Jubilee Meeting.



Pleased with Guide coverage the Rev. J. D. Bussey, Washington, D. C., at left, with Rev. Johnnie L. White, Sr., newly elected pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, along with Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Raleigh, North Carolina, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina General Baptist Convention and Dr. J. B. Henderson of Norfolk, Virginia, leaders at the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention read with marked attention, coverage of the organization's meeting from the Journal and Guide.

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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

(Continued from Last Month)

MORALITY in public life too, has become an anomaly. Those elected to public office so often betray the public trust. Hardly a day passes in New York that some policeman is not charged with being "on the take." Last year the outspoken advocate of conservatism in California, opposed to hungry mothers and children receiving their pittance from Public Assistance, was discovered to have not paid income tax to the state and he was not only a millionaire, but he was Governor of the state. In Mississippi a Senator receives \$165,000 a year from the public trough not to grow cotton on his worthless land yet the state allows only \$9.00 per month for the care of an innocent child. Recently while the state of New York was preparing a list of thousands to be dropped from the payroll, and budgets were cut for the Mental institutions, the Attorney General purchased a new \$11,000 limousine for his personal use. These are the tactics you must oppose . . . the changes you must help to bring about if we are to have a peaceful, tranquil Tomorrow.

Our most tragic example of "untruthfulness" revolves around our relationship . . . one with another. I wish there was time to go into detail about all the reasons for what has been termed "The Fury of Black America", but suffice it to say we are all victims of it . . . Black and White alike; and frankly the hiring of Academicians of Social Work, Urban Affairs officers, or a few Black token-employed people in an office or business, or paying some reparations to a few who scream the loudest . . . none of these, nor the combination of these measures will provide the solutions to the problems of decent Human Relations . . . one with the other. They are stop-gap measures at best and do not get at the roots of the problems of Hate. Black people want the voice of the Black community brought into programs which can effect permanent change," says Dr. Goldfarb, who is now President of Urban Directions, Inc. in New York. Today our nation is in trouble, tortured with the whirlwind of anxiety and frustration borne for three hundred years by the most loyal segment of America . . . the Negro. For years we have been forced by low-paid, menial jobs to live on the "other side of the tracks." Our frustrations were overcome either with drink, or the mysticism of religion while those who came here

from other shores were given every opportunity to share in the finer things of American life which we helped to bring about . . . those who happened to be blessed, not with any special talent, but with a White skin. The nation's most serious concern has been to protect the material . . . the physical, with little or no concern for the humane, nor any interest in ferreting out the causes for the explosions, the eruptions, the rebellions. As young upcoming leaders in your respective communities, a part of your task is to find the causes and locate the cures. Our cities are sick . . . decaying before us and the power structures in our city halls keep looking for more vaseline and band-aids to cure the Cancer. This you must redirect. You must become involved for a better Tomorrow and fight to make the signs . . . "Equal Opportunity Employer" have real meaning. Whether you plan to Teach, engage in social work, practice medicine, law, be a secretary, a newsman, department store clerk or buyer . . . airline stewardess or pilot . . . you must assume some personal responsibility to eliminate compromise situations. There is NO MIDDLE GROUND . . . either one is slave or he is free, and you will never be free until the most insignificant Black or White man or woman in the roach and rat infested ghettos, in the cotton fields of Mississippi, the tobacco farms of North Carolina, the Appalachian regions, is free. Please don't join the ranks of those who have attained a modicum of success who are prone to talk the language of some. "I worked hard . . . why don't 'they' do as I have done when at the same time refuse to admit that (1) they have been lucky . . . (2) though they might have been poor they were never destitute and (3) even if they were destitute, there was someone who took an interest in their careers.

Let us be wary of some other pitfalls along the road . . . that tendency to chant . . . "let us change the system" and I agree, but the change won't come about by chanting, singing, nor threatening. For eighteen years now, since Rosa Parks and the thrust of the Civil Rights movement began, we have used those tactics but the time for Marching, Ranting, is past. Let's join to change whatever is wrong in the system. Will you make use of the real weapon Americans have which has already served so well in this very state, and in the Southland by using your Voting Franchise that thousands died for, were jailed and beaten to obtain? There are nearly forty Black Mayors in America . . . one in Chapel Hill and more than 3,000 Negroes have been elected to public office and 1/3 of these below the Mason-Dixon line. In the Spring primaries did you notice the change of tone with Governor Wallace in his campaign speeches. Let me repeat the words of my friend, John West, Governor of your neighboring state . . . South Carolina . . . at his inauguration in January, 1971 . . . "South Carolina has already paid too high a price for discrimination and denial. I

shall preside over a color-blind administration the next four years. The Voting has brought about the change of racial climate. (Walker of University of South Carolina . . . Wake Forest quarterback, Georgia Tech . . . 800 students at University of Alabama).

The wise use of your earning power . . . your dollar . . . is vital and important for a great Tomorrow. Travel in recent years to Dallas, Houston, Birmingham, Atlanta, and in many of your North Carolina cities has revealed young Black People at work in jobs denied our group a decade ago. The power of the Dollar bill in the world of Commerce, coupled with a realization that denial was morally wrong, and a two-edged sword as well . . . these have brought changes for the better.

Finally may I urge you as an original Southerner . . . born on the land given to my paternal grandparents at the time of the Emancipation Proclamation . . . and NOT A NEW YORKER . . . put your roots down in the South for this is where Black people will make the greatest progress side by side with their White neighbors, in the next twenty-five years. If you believe the wild stories of what you can do in Detroit, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland . . . go visit them and see how millions of Black people live in the borders of their ghettos. Check the opposition to Bussing . . . in Pontiac, Columbus, Forest Hills, New York, New Jersey where I live. Check the revolt against Blacks who want to buy a decent house in a decent neighborhood and hear the rumbling and revolting from the one-time "liberal" Whites! Here in this great South there has developed a recognition, that a nation, a state, a community's greatest resource is its people . . . Black people, White people . . . Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant, Republican and Democrat, and when any percentage of its people are deprived, the entire group suffers, and self-perpetuating handicaps ensue to the detriment of the entire community. More than 300 years ago John Donne said . . . "No man is an island entirely of itself . . . and man's death diminishes me because I am involved in Mankind."

In September, 1963, two months before his tragic death, I heard a bright young man speaking to a packed General Assembly at the United Nations say . . . "We have the power to make this the greatest generation of all time, or to make it the last." His name . . . John F. Kennedy and two months later he was gone. My good friend, Malcolm X., who despised White people before his trip to Africa and Mecca, but said publicly on his return . . . "We must do this job together!" Less than a month later he was gone. Whitney Young said . . . "If you would not have angry men in the streets of America, let us make those streets avenues of hope and not despair." Now he is gone. Martin Luther King, Jr., said . . . "Either we are going to learn to live to-

gether like brothers, or die together like fools." He too, is gone. Bobby Kennedy said . . . "Some men ask . . . 'Why do you dream dreams of a better world' but I say . . . Why not?" Now he is gone. But though they are gone . . . these young men who could have turned this nation around had they lived . . . let us not betray them . . . to us they throw the torch of Leadership . . . to you the Young People, they cry from a distant Valhalla . . . "Be Yours to Hold it high!" Do not fail them.

The Chinese philosophers said many years ago . . . "The Five Great Blessings for Man are Happiness, Health, Virtue, Peace and Long Life" and surely all of these are possible for each of us and our fellow men, if we but meet our individual and collective responsibilities. I charge you tonight with your share of the task to make these blessings possible for you, your fellowman, your children yet unborn. To those of my generation, to the adults here representing churches from across this great state . . . let us lock arms with these young people . . . show them we believe in them and let all of us . . . Young and Old alike . . . "To our own selves be True and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

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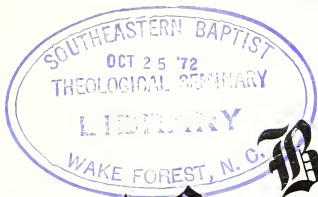
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SPECIAL SESSION

A Special One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention will be held at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem on Tuesday, October 31, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Host Pastor.

On Monday evening prior to the One Day Session, a special Service, with the Moderators in charge, will take place.

The Reverend Frank Bullock, Jr. of Henderson, Moderator of the Tar River Association will be the speaker for this occasion.

Please be present and give your wholehearted support on this important occasion.

O. L. SHERRILL, Executive Secretary

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Convention:

We thank God and you for making fiscal year 1971-72 our greatest. The climax came as we assembled as a Baptist family in Raleigh in August. God's spirit seemed to have permeated all the sessions. The convention's officials seem to have conducted the meetings with precision. The messengers were present and the churches responded liberally to the causes we support.

We look forward now to the beginning of a new year. It is my hope that the past will serve as an incentive for us to move up higher in every way toward our convention's objectives.

The next meeting of the General Baptist family will be on October 31st at Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston-Salem when we meet in special session. This will be toward the end of our associational meetings. It is my hope that we will attend in large numbers bringing with us a good account of our stewardship. A special mass meeting with gospel preaching and singing will be held the night before — Monday, October 30th.

I shall expect to see all of you in Winston-Salem. Dr. J. Ray Butler and Shiloh are expecting us. Let us not disappoint them.

C. R. EDWARDS, President

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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ENDORSES CANDIDATES

The members of the Political Action Committee acting for the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc., go on record as endorsing:

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Skipper Bowles for Governor
Jim Hunt for Lt. Governor
W. C. "Billy" Creel for Commissioner of Labor
John Ingram for Commissioner of Insurance

Please get out and vote on November 7th and encourage others to do likewise.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA

Sherrill To Be Honored

Dr. Joseph Harrison Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., will come to North Carolina to deliver the address when General Baptists gather in Raleigh to pay homage to Dr. O. L. Sherrill who has faithfully served the General Baptist State Convention as Executive Secretary for 25 years.

The Testimonial Banquet honoring Dr. Sherrill will be held on Friday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Virginia Dare Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel. A large crowd is expected to honor one as deserving as O. L. Sherrill.

DEEP RIVER BAPTISTS HOLD CONVENTION

October 1 Week End

By D. W. HEADEN, Reporter

The 56th Annual session of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association and Woman's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina convened at the 6th Avenue Baptist Church of Siler City, N. C., Friday, September 29 and closed on Sunday, October 1. Reverend James E. Brown, Host Pastor and Reverend A. T. Alston, Moderator.

The theme of the convention was: "A Relevant Church for the Decade of the Seventies" (I King 8:20), 1972 — "A UNITED WITNESS FOR A CONFUSED WORLD", Acts 1:8; John 17:20, 21.

It was estimated that more than 300 delegates, ministers, Baptists and friends attended the three day meeting in Siler City.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected to serve for two years: Reverend A. T. Alston, Moderator; Dr. M. P. McCleave, Vice-Moderator; Rev. L. B. Cameron, Recording Secretary; Mr. William Moffitte, Assistant Secretary; Mr. D. W. Headen, Financial Secretary; Rev. D. F. Brown, Treasurer; Rev. A. F. McCleave, Field Secretary.

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Woman's Page----

FROM TORONTO TO AFRICA



Mrs. M. A. Horne

Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina attended the Fifth Continental Assembly of the North American Baptist Woman's Union when it convened in Toronto, October 17-19. The North American Baptist Women's Union (NABWU) is the Women's Department of the World Baptist Alliance and it meets every five (5) years. "CALLED TO COMMITMENT" was the theme of the meeting.

Mrs. Horne represented the National Women's Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and the Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary, Dr. Mary O. Ross and Dr. Mary Agnes Jordon presidents respectively.

The NABWU underwrote the expenses of Mrs. Horne. She was the first Black woman in the state of North Carolina to receive the signal honor. Mrs. I. Judson Levy, a native of New Brunswick, now living in Wolfville, Nova Scotia was the outgoing president. In Fort Worth, Texas, Mrs. Judson related to Mrs. Horne that more than 2,000 women around the world had registered for the meeting.

TO AFRICA A REPEATED VISIT

In 1964 Mrs. Horne joined a Safari to Africa visiting Monrovia, Nigeria Ghana and Europe, under the auspices of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary in command. Mrs. Horne will again visit Liberia and other countries, leaving New York City

November 21 and will spend Thanksgiving again on the Foreign Field.

The purpose of the second visit to Liberia is to participate in the dedication of a new building on the Lott Carey School Campus, erected through the Lott Carey Convention. The new building will be named "THE MINNIE C. LYON BUILDING" in honor of Miss Minnie C. Lyon, a native of Carolina and a returned missionary who labored in Liberia for thirty (30) years (now living in Durham). While serving on the Foreign Field the Woman's Convention of North Carolina paid Miss Lyon's salary through the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention.

During the dedicatory services, Mrs. Horne will read a brief history of Miss Lyon to the natives and hang a large portrait of this sainted missionary in the new building (given by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina). Dr. Mary Agnes Jordon, president of the Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary will extend greetings and present the Minnie C. Lyon Plaque. The ladies will travel by Pan American Airlines and will return to the states December 4th.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Essie N. Moulongo
P. O. Box 25934
Raleigh, N. C. 27611
September 30, 1972

Woman's Baptist and Foreign Missionary
Convention of North Carolina
Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary
P. O. Box 1818
Raleigh, N. C. 27602

Dear Mrs. Horne and Friends of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina:

It is no secret what God can do, and I believe God would not have led me this far and have me not become the doctor I want to be for my own people in the Congo. Your contribution of \$200.00 toward our expenses for the departure to Switzerland, has proven this to me, and I thank you and all who have given. I am also thankful to the Lord who has provided me of this opportunity of knowing about your Foreign Mission before leaving the country.

I believe you know that in addition to the existing underdeveloped countries, there exist underdeveloped missions. These missions are such, most-

ly because of the lack of enough qualified personnel who can work for the church. I am getting ready to go back to my church to participate actively to the development of my church. I am now going to the medical school of Lausanne in Switzerland to study medicine and I shall return home to work in my church as soon as I finish my studies.

The school has accepted me without providing me of any financial assistance. My urgent need was at first to find the ticket to get there, and your contribution helped me to solve this problem. I would not have been able to buy the ticket for everybody in the family (which is composed of four) without your assistance.

Believe me the \$200.00 you gave me helped a lot, and I am sure it will produce more in the future. I want you to know that, the help you have provided me is not for my own benefit, but also for the benefit of my people in the Zaire (congo). I understand that the school is not going to help me financially and that I will need some help from any sources. I hope that in case I will need your help, you will support me as you did this time, and we hope that you will pray for me so that with the help of God, I shall be able to realize what I think is a worthwhile goal.

My wife and I are grateful to all of you, and we believe that you care about the needy people. We need your daily prayers while we are overseas, and we will get in touch with you from time to time.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Esaie N. Mouloungou

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

July 1, 1971 - June 30, 1972

Wonderfully blessed to walk amid God's mercies and serve the following people and places. Thank you for your generous friendship, your prayers and patience which strengthened me to follow in the footsteps of Him whose name is Love.

WOMAN'S DAY ADDRESSES:

- July 4, 1971 — New Hope Baptist - Gatesville - Dr. H. L. Mitchell
- July 11, 1971 — Lebanon Grove Baptist - Gatesville - Rev. C. C. Hart
- July 18, 1971 — North End Baptist - Rocky Mount - Rev. Elbert Lee
- August 1, 1971 — First Baptist - Lumberton - Dr. E. B. Turner

- August 15, 1971 — Phillipi Baptist - Cofield - Rev. C. A. Hart
- October 17, 1971 — Zion Memorial - Winston-Salem - Rev. C. H. Gill
- May 14, 1972 — Piney Wood Chapel - Powellsville - Rev. W. H. Trotman
- June 11, 1972 — Mill Neck Baptist - Como - Dr. H. L. Mitchell

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARIES AND

PROGRAMS — LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL

- July 14, 1971 — First Baptist - Jacksonville - State Usher's Convention
- July 18, 1971 — Mount Vernon - Durham - Mrs. A. L. Filmore
- August, 1971 — Indian Wood Baptist - Windsor - West Roanoke Woman's Auxiliary
- August, 1971 — Mount Vernon - Durham - Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention Annual Session
- September 19, 1971 — Mill Branch Baptist - Aulander - Mrs. Hazel Privott
- September, 1971 — Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention - East Orange, N. J.
- September, 1971 — National Woman's Convention, U. S. A., Inc. - Cleveland, Ohio
- October 3, 1971 — New Oak Grove Baptist - Virginia Beach, Va. - Woman's Missionary and Educational Auxiliary
- October 13, 1971 — Sandy Run Baptist - Jacksonville-GBSC District Woman's Auxiliary
- September, 1971 — Oxley Hill Baptist - Merry Hill - West Roanoke Association
- October 31, 1971 — Lincoln Memorial - Durham - Mrs. Rebecca Carlos
- November, 1971 — 1st Cosmopolitan - Raleigh - General Baptist Convention
- November, 1971 — St. James Baptist - Rocky Mount - Mrs. L. Y. Brown
- December 19, 1971 — Zion Grove - Aulander - Youth Department - Mrs. Juanita T. Askew
- January 8, 1972 — New Ahoskie Baptist - Ahoskie - Woman's Mid-Year Session
- January 30, 1972 — Piney Wood Chapel - Powellsville - Woman's Lott Carey Day
- February 20, 1972 — Mount Olive Baptist - Henderson - Vance Co. Missionary Union
- March 12, 1972 — First African Baptist - Goldsboro - Rev. I. B. Horton
- April 27, 1972 — St. John Baptist - Aulander - One Day Session - W. R. Assoc.
- May 17, 1972 — New Ahoskie Baptist - Ahoskie - Assembly Site Fellowship Banquet

CONFERENCES

- April 22, 1972 — Union Hill - Nashville - District 8 Group 1 - Mrs. P. V. Patterson
- June 18, 1972 — Jones Chapel - Roxboro - District 4 Group 3 - Mrs. Lala Williams
- Mrs. Vera M. Slade, President
Woman's Baptist Home and
Foreign Missionary Convention

STATE FIELD WORKERS CLINIC

By MRS. LUCY GRAY



Mrs. Lucy Gray

The Annual Field Workers Clinic of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention met in Raleigh October 10th at Baptist Headquarters to study and improve our work over the field for our convention year which ends June 30th, 1973.

Our Instructor was our own Executive Secretary Mrs. Horne.

Mrs. Horne gave us to know the Field Workers duties shall be to teach the program of the Woman's Convention, organize and encourage Missionary Circles, Young Adult and Youth Departments, Unions, Auxiliaries, District Conferences and **above all make friends for the Convention.**

Field Workers are to promote and encourage the promotion of Institutes in all areas of the State. We are to also promote summer conferences for young people. Reports from Institutes and Conferences should be reported immediately to the Executive Secretary. The text book for our Institutes was introduced by our instructor, title "Heralds of Christ", author Jack Ricks Noffsinger. This books contains 8 chapters.

1. THIS YOU MUST SHARE!
2. THE WORLD YOU MUST WIN
3. THE CONTENT AND CHALLENGE OF YOUR WITNESS
4. YOUR WITNESS AND MORAL LIVING
5. YOUR WITNESS AND LOVING CONCERN
6. THE WAY OF JESUS IN WINNING OTHERS
7. YOUR WITNESS THROUGH THE CHURCH
8. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOUR WITNESS

The Bible is to be taught as book number one.

This clinic was very inspirational and the Field Workers received much information.

Present at the clinic were:

Mrs. Dorothy Okeke, Creedmoor
 Mrs. Marie Stovall, Battleboro
 Mrs. Annie Bryant, Supply
 Mrs. Bertha Gore, Longwood
 Mrs. Lena Singletary, Tabor City
 Mrs. Mable Hester, Bladenboro
 Mrs. Lucy Gray, Tarboro

These seven (7) Field Workers pledged to combine efforts and purchase a Check Meter (Paymaster) for our J. J. Johnson Assembly Site Youth Camp.

Please send in your dates now to our State Office for your Institute. Pray much as we serve on the field.

DATES TO REMEMBER — 1973

January 13 — One Day Session, Woman's Convention, First, Chadbourn

February 24 — Usher's One Day Session, Providence Church, Rockingham

May 9 — One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention, Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount

June 18-23 — National Baptist S. S. Congress, U.S.A., Inc., Dallas, Texas

June 18-23 — Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Columbia, S. C.

July 10-12 — Usher's Convention, First, Lawndale

August 7-9 — State S. S. & BTU Congress, New Ahoskie, Ahoskie

August 13-17 — Woman's Convention, Sycamore Hill, Greenville

August 27-31 — Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Rodman St. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Los Angeles, California

September 4-9 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi

September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention of America, Chicago, Illinois

Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — Laymen's League and General Baptist State Convention, Greater St. Paul, Durham

DEEP RIVER BAPTISTS

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ator of Association, Burlington; Rev. Sampson Buie, Pastor, Roberts Chapel, Greensboro; Mrs. Inease Wicker, President, Deep River S. S. Convention, Goldston; Mrs. J. L. Morgan, Theme leader, Wall St. Baptist Church, Sanford; Rev. E. N. Hooker, Pastor, Red Hill and New Zion Churches, Pleasant Garden; Mrs. M. E. Singletary, President, Woman's Convention, Fayetteville State University; Mr. Rodrick Barber, First Baptist Church, Siler City; Rev. David Jones, Pastor, New Bensalem, Robbins; Mrs. Ceola Alston, St. John Baptist Church, Climax; and Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Chairman, Education Committee, Siler City.



GREATER SAINT PAUL OPENS DOORS TO SECOND NEW AUDITORIUM

GREATER ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, October 1, 1972, The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, located at 1102 Juniper Street in Durham, opened its doors of a new additional auditorium to the public once again.

This church, pastored by the Dr. W. T. Bigelow, is now in its second spacious as well as beautiful auditorium. The old church was completed in February of 1966 and the mortgage on the auditorium was burned within 20 months.

Due to the vast increase in the membership, which is still rapidly increasing, it became imperative to construct another auditorium to serve the people that came to worship at The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church. The church was filled to its capacity for the Morning Worship and the Baptism & Candlelight Communion which was held that night.

The pastor, officers and members extend a warm invitation to you to the worship services held at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church. They also invite you to attend the Dedicatorial Services which will be held on Sunday, October 29, 1972. The speaker for the services will be Dr. E. A. Freeman, President of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress.

A UNITED WITNESS FOR A CONFUSED WORLD

By WILLIAM B. MOORE, Pastor

Cornerstone M. B. Church

Greenville, N. C.

Analytically speaking, I see two basic thoughts in this theme. First, there is the undeniable fact that this world in which we live is thoroughly confused. From the White House to the church house there is confusion. During the American Revolution, Thomas Paine wrote, "These are times that try men's souls." We are so engrossed in our own "wrong thing" until we are confused about the Lord's "right thing".

Look around you and into every aspect of life and what you see is a strange new world erupting in our midst. The things that appeared to have been nailed down are coming loose; long accepted principles are beginning to be unsteady. Alvin Toffler in his book *Future Shock* talks about the odd personalities this newly emerged world has produced. It has produced children at twelve that are no longer children, adults at fifty who are children of twelve. There are rich men who play act poverty. There are anarchists, who beneath their dirty denim shirts are outrageous conformists and conformists who beneath their button-down collars are outrageous anarchists. There are married priests and atheist ministers. A look into every area of life will reveal some kind of confusion.

In politics, we spend millions of dollars for the moon and argue to feed the hungry. In the process millions of bellies are longing for crumbs from anybody's table. We idolize and almost make a president of a man who stands in the door of knowledge to bar black people. Yet, on the other hand, we institutionalize those who speak for the right.

In religion, we are bogged down over the solution of petty issues to the extent that those on the outside of the church don't want in. They say that if Deacon Lettuce, Sister Cabbage and Brother Turnip can do the things they do and maintain their christian standing (in our eyes) then why do I need to bother to make the sacrifice to be a christian.

In the home, there is confusion. You remember as well as I do the time when parents would tell their children what to do, now children are telling their parents what to do.

You remember when parents would put their children to bed, now children are putting their parents to bed. We observe this bewildered, frustrated, and disoriented world and wonder if there is any hope, if there is a "Balm in Gilead" to free us from our confusion. Politicians have become mud-slingers, neighbors have become ditch-diggers, deacons in the church have become warriors against the preacher,

ushers in the church stand on either side of the aisles rolling eyes at each other. There is confusion within and confusion without.

Our world can be described as Charles Dickens described his world, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness." Wherein is the answer to our dilemma?

The answer is found in the second phase of our theme. It is going to be a United Witness for Jesus. This witness must transcend denominational isms and schisms. We (christians) must present to the world not our I thinks and I feels but what we know about the Christ we serve. Lift Christ high and He will draw men from their confusion. If this world is to be led from its confusion the church will have to show the way. Both Protestants and Catholics will have to, "get it together for Jesus." We must tell the world as George Harrison says, "I really want you to know my sweet Lord." Jesus Christ, Superstar.

If the church is to provide a United Witness — it must awake. It must not sleep through this "spiritual revolution" that this confused world needs so much. We well remember the Classic story of Rip Van Winkle and how he slept for twenty years. When Rip went up to sleep in the mountains, King George was on the throne - when he awoke George Washington was president of the United States. He had slept through a whole revolution and missed his chance to make a contribution. Let us (the church) not fail to make our contribution to this spiritual revolution. Remain awake.

However, before you can witness - before you can bear evidence of Jesus, you must know Jesus. You can't tell what you don't know anymore than you can come back where you didn't go. Two people stood up in Carnegie Hall to recite the 23rd Psalm, an actor and a lady. The actor stood and repeated every word to perfection - when he finished, everyone marveled. Then the old lady stood with her broken language and stumbled through, but when she finished, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. The difference was the old lady knew the Shepherd. If the shepherd is to come in you, you must let him in. There is a very beautiful painting by Holman Hunt that pictures Christ standing at a closed door knocking. When Hunt finished this painting a fellow artist marveled at Hunt's work. He said, "Mr. Hunt, this is a beautiful painting but I believe you have made a mistake," you have left the knob off the door. Hunt replied, "no I didn't, the knob is on the inside." So it is my brothers and sisters, if Christ is to come into our lives we must let him in because the knob is on the inside. When Christ comes in then and only then can you effectively witness for Christ. As the Primitive Baptist say, "If you haven't seen it, haven't felt it - you can't tell it."

In order to witness for Christ - you must be willing to make a sacrifice. The story is told of a con-

versation between the chicken and the hog on who made the biggest contribution to mankind. The chicken said, I know I've made the biggest contribution to mankind - you've never heard of anybody eatin' breakfast without an egg." The hog said to the chicken, "when you give an egg that's a contribution but when I give the ham, that's a sacrifice." Many of us are like the chicken.

An inscription over the main post office in New York City, as adapted from Herodotus has a word for us. It reads, "not snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." We must be willing to witness in spite of all difficulties.

In order to witness, we must be willing to walk it and talk it - surely today there is an over balance of those who can talk the talk but can't walk the walk.

However, we have missed the real point when we think of witnessing as merely an act - something you do. It is more than that, it is a life-style. You don't say to a great football player, we don't want you to play in the first four games, save yourself for the big one. A great player plays all the time. As christians, we must not save ourselves for the big one (Sunday). Like a mighty army we must move the church forward. Though some churches are moving like snails. When the church moves the world must move. When people are put together right - the church can and will move. A father sat down one Sunday afternoon to read the Sunday paper. Frequently his young daughter came in to ask a question. To get relief from the questions, the father took a piece of paper with a man on one side and the world on the other, tore it in small pieces and told his daughter not to ask any more questions until she had put the world together. He figured on at least two hours of peace. His daughter went out and returned in a few minutes with the world all put together. The father inquired as to how she did it so quickly. The girl replied, "dad I noticed as you were tearing the world into pieces, on the other side was the face of a man, I simply turned the world over and put the man together and when the man was put together right, then the whole world was right." When mankind is put together in Christ, the world will take care of itself.

Herein is our task, the harvest is truly plenteous; the laborers are few. Matthew 9:37. The church is on trial, the courtroom of life is filled with the halt, blind, hungry, wretched, and confused. The prosecution attorney - who is Satan - is pleading daily with the jury of sin to sentence all mankind to death. Right and wrong have a judge. Judge Justice says cut man down. Judge Mercy says give man another chance. The defense attorney - who is Jesus, lays his case before the world. How might it look?

According to George Sweasy like this, "of every 100 members - 5 cannot be found, 20 never pray, 25 never read their Bible, 30 never attend church, 40 never give to any cause, 50 never go to church

school, 60 never go to church at night, 70 never give to missions, 75 never do any church work, 90 do not have family worship, 95 never win a soul to Christ." Christ says, "Who can I send and who will go for us - I died that men might be free. Is there a voice in the courtroom to speak for me?"

I see Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Gentiles stand and sing in the words of Mary Brown.

I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go

It may not be on the mountains height, or over the stormy sea; It may not be at the battles front, my Lord will have need of me; But if by a still small voice He calls to paths I do not know, I'll answer dear Lord with your hand in Thine, I'll go where you want me to go.

Perhaps today there are loving words which Jesus would have me to speak; There may be now in the paths of sin, Some wanderer whom I should seek, O Savior if thou wilt be my guide throu dark and rugged way, my voice shall echo the message sweet, I'll say what you want me to say.

There's surely somewhere a lonely place in earth harvest fields so wide, where I may labour though life; short day for Jesus the crucified. So trusting all unto Thy care, I know Thou lovest me! I'll do Thy will with a heart

sincere, I'll be what you want me to be.
I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO,
DEAR LORD, O'ER MOUNTAIN, OR PLAIN
OR SEA: I'LL SAY WHAT YOU WANT ME
TO SAY, DEAR LORD, I'LL BE WHAT YOU
WANT ME TO BE.

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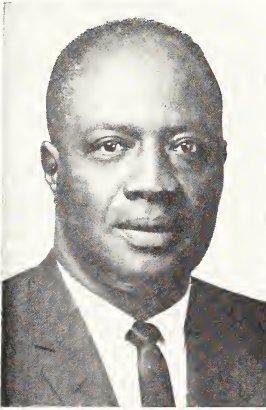
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DR. O. L. SHERRILL

Sherrill To Be Honored

After serving the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for twenty-five (25) years as Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill will be honored by the Convention in Raleigh on Friday, November 17, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. This is the first time in twenty-five years that General Baptists have paused to give a special gesture of thanks and appreciation to one who has given his life for the work. The Testimonial Dinner will be held in the Virginia Dare Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel. This will be a \$5.00 per plate dinner. Those desiring a reservation may send your request along with your check to Baptist Headquarters before November 15.

National President To Share In Sherrill Honors

Dr. J. H. Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. will join General Baptists in praise and thanks for the twenty-five years of outstanding service rendered by Dr. O. L. Sherrill. Dr. Jackson will deliver the Testimonial Address. President Edwards will serve as Toastmaster and will present Dr. Jackson.

For twenty years, Dr. Jackson has led the five million-member National Baptist Convention and is considered around the world as one of the truly great preachers of our time.



DR. J. H. JACKSON
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FROM THE EDITOR' PEN

Twenty - Five Years With General Baptists

OTHA LEE SHERRILL — born in Iredell County as the son of humble Christian parents; destined to be a leader of Baptists in North Carolina; proves this fact by serving faithfully as Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for twenty-five years.

From this tremendous responsibility and assignment, Otha Lee Sherrill has not quivered nor complained through any storm or time of uncertainty. He has moved with vigor and in the power of the Lord and through his wise and dedicated leadership led the General Baptist State Convention to a position of great power and influence in North Carolina and around the nation.

After twenty-five years, the General Baptist State Convention thought well to pause and say to a faithful servant "thank you" and "well done".

Leaders have a hard enough time promoting the Cause and carrying out the assigned mission and any organization does a great deal when there is within it that grateful appreciation to say to one who has worked long and hard that we deeply appreciate you.

Otha Lee Sherrill is the kind of person and leader who deserves such praise and honor. He has served without reservations when the going was rough. He is still serving with great dedication in the days of sunshine.

Having pastored four wonderful churches before coming to General Baptist's Executive Secretary, Otha Lee Sherrill has given a full life of service to the Christian Cause.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has greatly benefited and expanded from the twenty-five years of Otha Sherrill as its Executive Secretary. It is time to say to him "thank you" in a big and tangible way.

Woman's Page----

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Co-worker:

We are calling all Missionary Circles, Youth and Young Adult Departments, Special Workers and all County Organizations to cooperate with your County Union president in the \$25,000.00 Drive for the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site (Camp).

The Drive will close in Chadbourn at the
MID-YEAR SESSION, JANUARY 13, 1973
In Unity there is strength.

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

1. All Union Presidents please be present for the Roll Call.
2. Have all persons (men and women) from your County to march behind you when the roll is called.
3. Have your money sealed in the enclosed envelope.
4. All envelopes must be sealed before the Roll is Called.
5. When you and your workers march to the table, the Union President will announce the amount in the sealed envelope.

The MID-YEAR SESSION of your Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will be held

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1973
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Wilkes and Princess Streets
Chadbourn, North Carolina
The Reverend J. E. Barber, Pastor
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner (\$1.50) will be served in the Chadbourn Elementary School Cafeteria on West Smith Street near the church and opposite the Gymnasium.

Please leave home early in order to arrive on time.

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J. J. JOHNSON ASSEMBLY SITE

WE NEED NOW:

\$25,000.00 for the Assembly Camp Site in order to open in June, 1973. With the blessings of our Hea-

venly Father, and with your continued cooperation, we can do it.

The Senior Department will meet in the Gymnasium opposite the Elementary School on Smith Street.

The Young Adult and Youth Departments will meet at First Baptist Church.

On for a Great Session, we are

Sincerely yours,
Berthenia D. Horne, Executive Secretary
Vera M. Slade, President

CHARTER BUSES — POOL CARS COME PRAYING — WE NEED YOU

We are calling every local Supervisor in the State to be present. Business of importance just for You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reverend James E. Palmer, Pastor of the University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte was recently elected Moderator of the Mountain and Catawba Association.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Weldon, is without a pastor. Any minister desiring a preaching appointment, please write or call — Mr. I. H. Hilliard, 414 W. 4th Street, Weldon, N. C. Telephone - 536-3164.

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The Reverend John R. Bethel has come to the State and is serving as the pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Belmont and is Deputy Director of the Model Cities Program in Charlotte. We wish Brother Bethel well in this great work.

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BAPTIST INFORMER

CONVENTION'S SPECIAL SESSION

Following a record breaking ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY held in August in Raleigh, the General Baptist State Convention assembled again on October 30 and 31 in a Special Session in the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem where Dr. J. Ray Butler is pastor.

On the evening of October 30, the Special Session began with a Special Session of Moderators presided over by Dr. J. M. Kennedy, Chairman. Devotions were conducted by the Reverends L. R. Howell of Marion and H. L. Moore of Leland. Words of Welcome were befittingly given by Deacon R. B. Stewart of Shiloh Church. Response was given by Arthur Williams, President of the State Usher's Convention. Music was rendered for this service by the J. Ray Butler Choir of the Host church. Dr. C. R. Edwards, President of the Convention brought greetings. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, spoke briefly about the convention's work and presented the speaker of the evening. The Reverend Frank Bullock, Jr., Moderator of the Tar River Baptist Association and pastor of St. Hope, Ridgeway, Sandy Fork and Pilot Baptist Churches delivered a moving sermon on the subject: "The Mission of the Church." Accompanying Moderator Bullock was his wife and a bus-load of people from the Tar River Association.

On Wednesday morning, October 31, the Special Session of the Convention was called to order by President C. R. Edwards with a searching introductory statement.

The Executive Secretary made a moving report on the work and activity of the convention, pointing out that in the past convention fiscal year, the budget of \$471,000 was exceeded by \$9,000 that made a total from all sources \$480,000.

Reports were made from the Department of Home Missions by Dr. J. J. Johnson of Fairmont; Department of Higher Education by E. B. Turner of Lumberton; Central Orphanage Commission by the Rev. J. C. Harris of Statesville; Department of Christian Education by the Rev. Leo Williams, Director; Benefit Commission by the Rev. C. C. Craig, Assistant to the Executive Secretary.

The Rev. Paul Drummond of Charlotte delivered a powerful sermon.

During the afternoon session a report was given by Dr. C. W. Ward for the Political Action Committee of which Dr. Jerry Drayton is Chairman. The Political Action Committee has given a new sense of direction to our people in their political activity. It has meaning beyond expression. In the future, this group will bring more and more light to the constituency of our convention.

The closing sermon was ably delivered by the Rev. G. A. Gilchrist of Littleton.

The total amount raised during the special session including subscriptions to the **Baptist Informer** was \$24,761.44.

SPREADING OUR WAY OF LIVING

By HENRY D. COOPER

Laymen's Secretary

Church members need to stress the program of the church as a way of living seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, ahead of limiting their thinking of their church lives as being just a few hours per week spent in formal worship services and in-church activities. After all, the main objective of our religion, and in fact of all religions, is to produce a pattern of behavior among people that will insure safety and co-operation in the full enjoyment of the world and the exercise of human capabilities.

We have already done a pretty good job of getting this pattern of behavior established among ourselves. This holds true for all of the various denominations, not just for General Baptists. Some exceptions crop out here and there, notably such as in Ireland where Catholics and Protestants have been so clannish that each person has worked in favor of only his own kind, in governmental and business affairs, until violent warfare has erupted between them. Right here in North Carolina there are some communities in which a Baptist will not employ a Methodist carpenter to repair his house, or vice versa. Still, employers in general recognize the fact that they will get more responsible service from an employee who is an active member of some church than from one who has not accepted church life. We can even look around us and easily see that the daily crimes which are being perpetrated upon society are not being committed by church members, but by persons outside the church. The great problems of juvenile delinquency which beset us are not among our boys and girls who are members of our Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions and comparable auxiliaries of other denominations. However, we cannot rest upon our oars and even temporarily feel satisfied just because we feel that we have it "made" inside our little church family.

Every child who is born is a potential anti-social behavior unless he or she is taught and trained to work in co-operation with other people. I refer to both teaching and training as separate ideas, because not only should a person be given intellectual instruction to enable him to know right from

wrong, but also he should be constrained to practice the various elemental activities of right living until they become a habit with him. Fortunately, the majority of the babies entering the world will find themselves in the hands of capable parents who will see to their proper rearing.

Unfortunately, many will not have this advantage, and even some with conditions in their favor will not make progress towards the goals which we would like for them to reach. A child who has not participated in happy progressive family life is a very likely prospect as an adult who will not participate in happy, progressive community life. In the bringing over to our way of living such people as this, I see a great challenge to church members in general, and to the Laymen in particular.

In looking for people among whom to spread our way of living, we will of course not take attention from those who are economically and educationally strong, but we must remember that such people who are outside of the church do not feel the need of actively accepting the philosophy of Jesus. In fact, many of them have worked out non-Jesus philosophies which satisfy them in their own selfish lines of thinking. Our most fertile field for evangelism is among the neglected people and those who cannot participate actively in the competitive hustle and bustle of earning a good living and in the alert practice of citizenship. These people do not live in our neighborhoods, they do not ride in cars like ours, they do not talk about the same subjects which we like to discuss, and frequently they do not bathe as often as we do. Hence, we avoid associating with them. Simply because a person's conversation bores us and his odor displeases us, we have turned the church of Jesus Christ into a social club with restricted membership.

And we have failed in doing just the very thing which we set out to do in the first place.

IN MEMORY

Mr. John Thaddeus Allen, a faithful and dedicated member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Oxford, passed from this life on August 23, 1972.

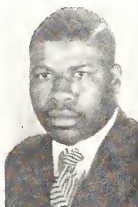
He was reared in Granville County, North Carolina. He served as a trustee of Oak Grove for many years. He was a faithful servant of the Convention and its Causes. He was always there to give a helping hand whenever and wherever possible.

Mr. Allen was a farmer and served as a sexton at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for seventeen years, where he was loved and greatly respected.

A history of Baptists is being put in the Richard H. Thornton Library of Oxford in memory of Mr. Allen.

He was a wonderful husband and a loving father of eight. A loving neighbor and friend to all.

INSTALLATION SERVICE



The Reverend Earl Brown was recently installed as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina. Reverend Brown came to Reidsville after having pastored the Corinth Baptist Church, Jarvisburg, North Carolina, and the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, North Carolina.

He also taught in the public school of Martin and Bertie Counties. Reverend Brown is a graduate of E. J. Hay High School, Williamston, N. C.; Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City; and has attended the School of Religion, Shaw University, Raleigh. He is the son of Reverend and Mrs. George E. Brown of Williamston, N. C.

The installation sermon was delivered by Reverend John E. Trotman, pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, High Point, N. C. Others appearing on the program were Reverends E. S. Anderson, S. A. Rains, M. L. Lambeth and Sampson Buie.

Reverend Brown is married to the former Carrie Hill of Blounts Creek, North Carolina. They have one son, Ricardo Lauren Brown.

THREE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

From DR. O. L. SHERRILL

Executive Secretary

General Baptist State Convention

The Reverend R. N. Lockhart who has faithfully served for three years in the Mountain and Catawba Association, made a record breaking financial report at the All Baptist Assembly, August 14-18, 1972.

Prior to his taking over as moderator, the association was raising \$6,000.00 annually. Under the dynamic leadership of Reverend Lockhart, the association doubled the previous amount by raising more than \$14,500.00 this year.

During his administration, the Laymen League and Young Adult Missionaries were organized.

Reverend Lockhart is one of the youngest moderators selected to serve in the Mountain and Catawba Association.

Reverend Lockhart is Pastor of Maiden Chapel Baptist Church, Maiden, North Carolina and New

Prospect Baptist Church, Long Island, N. C. He is a graduate of Friendship Junior College, Rock Hill, S. C. and Benedict College. He has done further study at Johnson C. Smith School of Divinity. He is married to the former Lillie Walker of Anderson, S. C., who is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. Reverend and Mrs. Lockhart reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

UNITED BAPTISTS BURN MORTGAGE

The congregation of what formerly were the First Institutional Baptist and West End Baptist Churches, combined to form the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, held a Mortgage burning Sunday, October 8, 1972.

The ceremony followed the morning worship service and marked the final payment, made in September, on a \$300,000 mortgage for the church at 450 Metropolitan Drive.

The congregations merged in August, 1965, moved into the new building in June of 1968 and made the first payment in August of the same year.

The church, designed by Robert Arey Associates of Kernersville and built by Tierney Construction Co. of Winston-Salem, is located on 3.25 acres between Fourth and Fifth Streets just east of downtown Winston-Salem.

UNIQUE LOCATION

The building, because of its unique location, has hosted several Baptist conventions, both local and statewide, as well as civic and community meetings.

"We do not by any means feel that we have arrived at our final destination, neither do we boast of any accomplishment on our own. But with the help of divine guidance, we have progressed to the point where we can help and better serve mankind," the Rev. J. D. Ballard, pastor, said.

"As these two churches have come together to form a peaceful and more effective congregation, may we serve notice that if all men would unite their efforts under God, we could form a peaceful world," he said.

The Reverend Charles W. Leak of Phillips Chapel Baptist Church preached at the afternoon worship.

The evening service was conducted by Bishop W. M. Johnson of Macedonia, True Vine Pentecostal Church.

A WEEK IN THE NATION'S CAPITOL

By THE EDITOR

During the week of October 22-27, I had the unique privilege of being the guest preacher in the Covenant Baptist Church, pastored by the Reverend H. Wesley Wiley, a native North Carolinian and a former pastor in the city of Winston-Salem.

Covenant Church is a completely integrated church portraying that God's children can work and honor the Lord together. With Pastor Wiley at the helm, Covenant is moving with great power and Certainty.

It was a real joy to share in the comfort and beauty of the lovely, well appointed Maryland home of the Wiley's. Mrs. Doris Wiley is a great minister's wife. Along with pastor Wiley, she made every moment in their home most comfortable and enjoyable.

I had the opportunity of visiting the District of Columbia Baptist Convention Headquarters where the Rev. Wiley serves as a Director.

I also visited with Dr. S. S. Hodges, Executive Secretary of the Progressive National Baptists.

Reverend Wiley is doing great work in Washington and surrounding areas.

CORRECTION

I sincerely regret that an error was made in the tabulation of the contributions from the Fairview Baptist Church, Cherryville, Reverend D. A. Costner, Pastor.

My annual report shows the total given for all objectives was \$218.01, but it should have been \$343.01.

I apologize for this error and for any inconvenience it may have caused the pastor and the members.

O. L. Sherrill

IMPORTANT — URGENT READ CAREFULLY

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OF MONTH
THE DEADLINE BEING THE 25th

EXCERPTS FROM THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF AMERICA

By REVEREND WESLEY GRANT

The National Baptist Convention of America convened in Dallas, Texas, September 5-10, 1972, with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert H. Wilson, Host Pastor and Corresponding Secretary of the National Baptist Convention. Other officers of the convention are: Dr. J. C. Sams of Jacksonville, Florida, President; Dr. B. O. Byrd of Los Angeles, Calif., 1st Vice President; Dr. M. L. Price of Houston, Texas, 2nd Vice President; Dr. D. C. Cooksey, Jr. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, General Recording Secretary; Rev. Rufus Daniels, Conway, South Carolina, Assistant Secretary; Rev. John Francis of New Orleans, La., Treasurer; Dr. W. M. Downs, Cleveland, Ohio, Official Reporter; Mrs. Virgie Dewitty, Austin, Texas, Musical Director.

The National Baptist Convention had one of its best sessions in Dallas and the spirit was high each day and night. There was no adjournment in the Convention. The spirit of Christ presided.

There was also an unusual session held one afternoon for the Golden Age Ministers, who were seventy-five (75) years of age and above.

Reverend S. E. Stewart of San Antonio, Texas was speaker for this service. This has never been done before. There were twenty-five (25) ministers ranging from seventy-five (75) to ninety-four (94) years of age during this special service. Some testified, some cried, some walked, some praised the Lord.

Under the leadership of our president, Dr. J. C. Sams and Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Robert Wilson, a special offering was lifted and each minister was presented with a certificate of honor and twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, making a total of \$650.00 given these ministers.

The convention also sends an offering to retired ministers who were active and attended the convention. It was stated that any retired or sick minister who was not remembered at this session, would be remembered at the next session of the convention which will be held in Chicago, Illinois in 1973 (if such persons are known).

REPORTS FROM DELEGATES OF NORTH CAROLINA AT THE 1972 SESSION ARE:

1. General Baptist State Convention, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, Dr. C. R. Edwards, President - \$100.00
2. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, Dr. S. A. Raper, Pastor - \$100.00

3. Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville, Dr. N. M. Avery, Pastor - \$50.00
4. Worldwide Tabernacle, Asheville, Wesley Grant, Sr., Pastor - \$100.00
5. First, Greensboro, Rev. Sam Moss, Pastor - \$35.00
6. Friendship, Gastonia, J. G. Whitfield, Pastor - \$35.00

Total paid by N. C. Delegation - \$410.00.

The Mid-Winter Board meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida, 1973. The Union Review, Official Organ of the National Baptist Convention of America, will announce at a later date, the time and place of the Board meeting.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

- Dr. N. M. Avery - Home Missions
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- Rev. H. B. Ferguson - Foreign Missions

DATES TO REMEMBER — 1973

- January 13 — One Day Session, Woman's Convention, First, Chadbourn
- February 24 — Usher's One Day Session, Providence Church, Rockingham
- May 9 — One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention, Mt. Zion First, Rocky Mount
- June 18-23 — National Baptist S. S. Congress, U.S.A., Inc., Dallas, Texas
- June 18-23 — Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Columbia, S. C.
- July 10-12 — Usher's Convention, First, Lawndale
- August 7-9 — State S. S. & BTU Congress, New Ahoskie, Ahoskie
- August 13-17 — Woman's Convention, Sycamore Hill, Greenville
- August 27-31 — Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, Rodman St. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Los Angeles, California
- September 4-9 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi
- September 4-9 — National Baptist Convention of America, Chicago, Illinois
- Oct. 29-Nov. 1 — Laymen's League and General Baptist State Convention, Greater St. Paul, Durham

"Take what you want and pay for it!"

—Spanish proverb

Everything has its price. We are familiar with the idea in our daily lives. We go to the self-service stores. In our wire cart we put a can of tomatoes, a bit of cheese, bread, hamburger and spaghetti. On the way out the clerk adds up our bill, puts our purchases in a paper bag, and we carry home our dinner — after we have paid for it.

So with the balance of our lives: on one side, our heart's desire; on the other side of the scales, the reckoning. When the scales are even, you may take out what you have bought. Sometimes the price seems high. But remember, you must pay for the character and quality of your goal as well as for the achievement of it. The law is simple and it is just; you may have what you want — but you must pay. Nothing is free.

HOW TO BE THANKFUL

Trust in the Lord and do His will;
Rest in His love and care.

You will rejoice in His "peace, be still"
And have joy beyond compare.

Hope evermore in His love divine,
Promising heaven at last.

"Let not your heart be troubled," He said.
All of your fears on Him cast.

Abide in His love and you will see
His joy, unceasing and strong.

Although the road may be rough at times,
This joy will help you along!

Need is something that we must admit,
If we would rejoice in God;

For, if we are weak, we need His strength
To walk where the Savior trod.

Knowledge of God and His truth we need,
In order to grow in grace;

That after we've grown in spirit and truth,
In heaven we'll have a place.

Salvation comes first, before we can know
Growth in His love and peace.

There's no joy on earth as great as this,
A joy that shall never cease.

"To give is better than to receive."
So thankful the heart-and true-

That gives and give, then gives itself
To the Lord, His will to do!

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A man's ability to make excuses is often his chief liability.

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“And
suddenly
there was
with the angel
a multitude of the
heavenly host praising
God, and saying, Glory
to God in the highest
and on earth peace, good will
toward men.” Luke 2:13-14
Again we come to Christmas. All of
us at Baptist Headquarters are so happy
about it until we join the praises of the
heavenly hosts and say to all of you greetings
in the name of Him who makes Christmas

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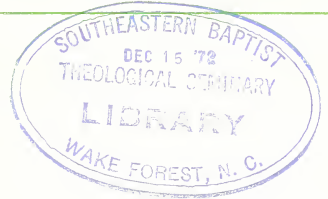
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A CHRISTMAS SERMON

By SAMUEL F. DALY

Pastor, First Baptist Church
Box 622, Franklin, Virginia 23851

Subject:

THE WONDERFUL CHRIST

"And His name shall be called Wonderful,"

Isaiah 9:6d

INTRODUCTION

There are seven ancient wonders of the world, selected for their colossal size and strength. There are seven modern wonders of the world, selected for their service and beneficence to man. But I am not to speak to you of the seven ancient wonders of the world nor of the seven modern wonders of the world, but of the Wonder of the Ages, The Wonder of Wonders — The Wonderful Christ.

He is wonderful in name! He is wonderful in his conception and birth! He is wonderful in personality! He is wonderful as a doctor! He is wonderful in his effect upon humanity! He was wonderful in his death and resurrection, and he will be wonderful in his second coming and in the establishment of his kingdom in the hearts of men!

I. HE IS WONDERFUL IN NAME!

No one has ever borne the name Christ has borne. Even his name shall be called wonderful! Just listen. He is the Seed of the woman that should bruise the serpent's head. He is the Shiloah towards whom the patriots ardently looked. He is the Pillar of Cloud by day and the Pillar of Fire by night. He is the Barley Loaf tumbling in the Midianites camp. He is the Wheel within a Wheel, the Rock hewn out of the Mountain without hands. He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. He is both the Son of Man and the Son of God. He is Immanuel, the Prophet, Priest and King, who should save his people from their sins. He is the Hope and Consolation of Israel. He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, the Fairest of Ten Thousands to my soul. He is the Wonderful, the Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father — the Prince of Peace.

II. HE WAS WONDERFUL IN HIS CONCEPTION AND BIRTH

Not only is Christ wonderful in name but He is wonderful in His conception and birth. Christ was not even conceived as we are conceived, for in all other cases of human life, conception took place after the union of the two sexes. But not so with Christ. He had no earthly father!

And, then, when we are born, it marks the beginning of a new life. But again not so with Christ! For He always existed in heaven with the Father — even before the world was. And in the early dawn of creation when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy, Christ was

there! When the creational council was held at which it was decided that man should be made, Christ was there! And when the fullness of time came, that Christ should leave his throne in glory and be born into the world, God, our God, who made the laws by which we are born, simply set aside the male, and by his fiat will and omnipotent power, decreed that without an earthly father Christ should enter into the womb of a woman. And having entered there, He remained there the full length of time while the human form wrapped itself around that divine spark, until at the proper time Christ was born a combination of humanity and divinity! Looking at this miraculous conception of Christ, Lord Bacon said, "If ever there was a man, if ever there was a God, then Christ was both man and God."

III. CHRIST WAS WONDERFUL IN HIS PERSONALITY

History records many men who had powerful, gripping personalities. And no one who is impressive by the fire of greatness in some men's personality could stand in the presence of some of the noble and notables of history and not be moved.

1. I remember as a student at Gammon Theological Seminary when Colonel Chas. Young, America's first Negro Colonel, came and spoke. Then men, though ambassadors of the Prince of Peace would get up early in the morning for weeks, grab stiel's and broomhandles and drill like soldiers, simply because they had been in the presence of Colonel Chas. Young.

2. Of Daniel Webster, perhaps the greatest lawyer of all times, it is said that he never lost a case because no twelve men in a jury could look him in the eye and upon his magnificent lionlike features and not give him a favorable decision.

3. Of Napoleon Bonaparte, "the little colossus" it is said that his presence upon the field in the time of battle was equal to the presence of another army.

4. And when Pericles, the mighty master of Athens in the time of Athens' glory, would walk the streets of the Acropolis and the people would look upon his majestic features and lordly stride. They would instantly come to their feet.

These men all possessed great personalities but the personality of Jesus transcended upon all. For while they were great in personality, He was not only great but wonderful in personality.

Whenever He went the crowds were attracted to him. Men wondered at him. They were astounded. They were perplexed, amazed and commended. When his enemies and the minions of the law came to capture him, his very presence paralyzed their thinking faculties, temporarily paralyzed their hearts, slowed the circulation of blood in their veins so that they were bewildered, transfixed, and confused and fell as dead men. And when called to question as to why they had not captured him, their only answer was: "Never a man spoke like this man."

On trial before Pilate the Roman Governor, his kingly silence forced the witnesses to reveal the preposterousness of their claims, struck terror to the heart of the judge and put him, and not Christ, on trial before the courts of time.

Crucified on the rugged cross of Calvary, He transformed the centuries old shameful and ignominious death on the cross to one of transcendent glory and honor. "He has lifted empires from their hinges," and "made kings out of paupers and paupers of kings." He has changed the reckoning of time and put history in a new channel. And today, after nearly two thousand years, neither Socrates nor Plato, nor yet Alexander the Great, nor Caesar, but Christ is the dominating personality of the ages. Not what shall I do with Caesar, but what shall I do with Christ is the question of the ages.

IV. CHRIST WAS WONDERFUL AS A DOCTOR

There have been some great doctors in the world. Their specifics have cured diseases that have been the scourge of mankind from time immemorial, while their serums and antitoxins have swept plagues, epidemics and pestilences almost out of existence. Modern surgery has cut cataracts from the human eyes so that the blind have been made to see; repaired the human heart so that those who would be dead now live; while psychiatry has untwisted the emotions of many in the fringe areas of insanity and made them sane.

But Jesus was wonderful as a doctor. He knew man as a watchmaker knows a watch, for he made man. And at his word, without the use of medicine, chemistry, anesthetics, hospital instruments, or surgery, He healed instantly all manners of diseases that were brought to Him. He healed the nobleman's son while He was in one town and his patient was in another, nearly twenty miles distant. At his word the insane become sane, the deaf hear; the blind see; the lame leap for joy and the dumb sing the praises of God.

Then with all human doctors there comes a limit, a time when at their best they can only feel the pulse, take the temperature and pressure, and put the stethoscope to the heart, and wait for the worst! But not so with Doctor Jesus, for He is the doctor of both life and death. Standing one day before the grave where a dead friend had lain for four days, Jesus with a piercing voice that rent asunder the undisturbed regions of the dead, cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth." Lazarus' heart began to beat, his lungs to contract and expand, the blood to run warm in his veins — and he that had lain four days in the region of the dead, traversed the corridors of death and came forth a living soul!

But the power of Jesus goes still farther than that, for it not only descends into the region of the dead, but ascends into the region of the spiritual and makes him the only doctor of the soul!

CHRIST WAS WONDERFUL IN HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

If it be true that no one has ever been conceived and born as Christ was conceived and born, then it is also true that no one has ever died as Christ died.

As he hanged dying on the ignominious cross of Calvary, hell, earth and heaven took part in the drama of his death. In hell devils danced for glee. In heaven silence gripped the heart of God and angels. On earth a dying thief on the cross took time out to insinuate upon him, while the rulers and chief priests taunted and insulted him, saying,

"If thou be the Son of God, come down from the Cross."

"He saved others, himself he cannot save."

But Christ, in contrast to them, looked at them and loved them; and, though dying on the cross, lifted them on a glance and prayer to his Father in heaven and said,

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Someone seeing what manner of death Christ died as compared with all other people, tersely stated that difference when he said,

"Socrates died like a man, but Christ died like a God."

Buried in Joseph's new rock-hewn tomb, that was sealed by the government and guarded by Roman soldiers, he lay in the grave in the cold dread grip of death. But it was not possible that either death or the grave could hold him. And Christ stood up, shook the grip of death from his body, stormed the gates of hell, put Satan under subjection, conquered death, hell and the grave, hooked the keys of death, hell and the grave on his side, led Captivity captive and came forth from the corridors of death and gave gifts unto men. Paul, in his exultant joy of Christ's triumphant victory over death through the resurrection cried out, "O grave where is thy victory, O grave where is thy sting."

VI. FINALLY, HE WILL BE WONDERFUL IN HIS SECOND COMING AND IN THE ESTABLISHING OF HIS KINGDOM IN THE HEARTS OF MEN!

This old world in its time has known many different kinds of government; autocracies, anarchies, oligarchies, monarchies and democracies. Yet all these systems of governments have failed. They have failed because they have not had in them those qualities that would make them enduring and everlasting.

But the government of Christ shall be different from anything this old world has seen, principally because it shall be an everlasting government. And three things according to our text are necessary for an everlasting government. They are: Goodness, Peace and Power. By goodness is meant justice, love and mercy. By peace is meant right relations with both God and man, and by power is meant the

strength, and in this case, the omnipotence necessary to enforce that goodness and peace.

Some kings have had the goodness, but have not had the power to enforce that goodness. Some others have had almost the power to enforce it but did not have the goodness.

But this shall not be true of Christ and his government, for he shall have all three. For, of that goodness, Isaiah 11:4 says.

"With righteousness shall He judge the poor and reprove with equity the meek of the earth."

Of peace, our text says:

"Of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth forevermore."

The zeal of the Lord will perform this.

Brethren, let us not be misled by the present state of affairs in which things will not always be as they seem. For God is not and cannot be mocked. For while the "Whole creation stands groaning under the curse of sin — it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know," that in the fullness of time for his own plans, he shall gather up time and eternity, and with angels and arch angels in his train, and with righteousness in his heart and omnipotence in his hand, he shall descend from heaven with a shout. And summoning the living and the dead before him, he shall utterly destroy sin and unrighteousness forever, and grind the governments of this earth to dust at his feet, and with righteousness, omnipotence and eternity in his hand shall declare that

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."

Throughout the whole world human hearts are tired of this old world and are longing for his government. And in that government there shall be no East nor West, no North nor South; no Jew nor Gentile; no black nor white, but we shall all be one in Christ Jesus. Isaiah, looking toward that day, says —

"He shall judge among the nations, and shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

"But justice shall run down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

"The wolf shall also dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf, the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."

Isaac Watts, tiptoeing, peered into the glorious universality of Christ's reign and exulted,

"Jesus shall reign wherever the sun

Does his successive journeys run;

His kingdom spread from shore to shore.

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

From north to south the princes meet

To pour their homage at his feet,
While western empires own their Lord
And savage tribes attend his word.
Let every nation rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King
And angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen."

J. Morrison, picturing the glorious peaceful reign of the Prince of Peace, said,

"To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a son is given;
Him shall all the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.
His name shall be the prince of peace,
Forever more adored;
The wonderful, the Counselor
The great and mighty Lord
His power increasing still shall spread,
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.
To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
The Wonderful, the Counselor
The mighty Lord of heaven."



INSTALLATION SERVICE

Reverend Robert S. Geiger, Jr.

On Sunday, September 17, the Reverend Robert S. Geiger, Jr. was installed as pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Eden, North Carolina.

The Reverend Geiger was born in Augusta, Georgia but grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts where he completed elementary and high schools. He did undergraduate work at Gordon College, and also studied at Lincoln University, Pa. Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree were completed in 1950 at Shaw University and in 1953 requirements for the Bachelor of Divinity were completed, at which time both degrees were conferred upon him. Since leaving Shaw, Mr. Geiger has completed the pre-

scribed courses leading to the Master of Sacred Theology, but refused the degree that the work might be applied to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Mr. Geiger is the son of Mr. Robert S. Geiger, Sr., a realtor of New York. He is the father of two children, Jewel R. and Radrael H.

The installation sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Reverend C. R. Trotter, Moderator, Rowan Baptist Association.

Others appearing on the program were: Reverends W. L. Napper, R. J. Howard, W. M. Lea, E. L. Kirby, H. Cohen, M. Lambert, D. Luellen, and Messrs. J. D. Womble, E. Hairston, J. Allen, Sr. and Mayor A. M. Singleton.

FALLING RUN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH REV. RUDOLPH TRIPP, Pastor CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

By ARLIE B. EVANS, Reporter



The Falling Run Missionary Baptist Church closed its work year service October 16-22 on a high note with the Moderator of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association and pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Rev. B. L. Rich, dedicating the church again on Sunday, the 22nd.

Other personalities appearing on the program during the week were: Rev. A. J. Melvin, pastor, Bear Creek Congregation Church, Robbins, N. C.; Rev.

R. L. Carr, Pastor, Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville; Rev. F. R. Devane, Pastor, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. H. R. Cogdell, Pastor, Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton and Rev. R. P. Farrior, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stedman, N. C.

Greetings were also brought by Pastor M. Kenneth Wilson of Judson Baptist Church; and Mr. E. J. Edge of the Board of County Commissioners of Cumberland County; Rev. H. C. Dixon, President of N. E. and C. F. Sunday School Convention. Sunday service was presided over by Mrs. Mattie C. Randolph and Mrs. Addie L. Sims. Others appearing on the program were Mrs. Eunice Pierce who gave the welcome address and the recognition of guests by Chairman William N. McGuire. The History of the church was given by Brother Arlie B. Evans and the Theme Message by Brother Willie Randolph. The theme for the occasion was "One Hundred Years We have come with Love and Unity by the Grace of God: Let us follow on to know the Lord, Hosea 6:3".

Among the many visitors attending the closing service on Sunday were: Mrs. Janie Gilmore and several friends from Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Cato Devane, Harrells, N. C.; Mrs. Inez Devane, Harrells; Miss Maggie Hollingsworth, Harrells; Miss Mable Powells, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville. The church was organized in 1872 by Rev. William Devane, assisted by Rev. Ranson Royal and a group sent out by the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville.

LANES CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION, OCT. 19-22

By A. E. WATSON
Publicity Chairman

The 76th Annual Session of Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association and the 59th Annual Session of The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of North Carolina convened at Macedonia Baptist Church, Midland, N. C. on the above date, Rev. H. L. Nickleson, Host pastor, and Rev. L. D. Parker, Moderator.

The theme of the association was "The Role of The Church In Human Liberation" St. Luke 4:18-19. The session opened on Thursday morning with greetings from the moderator. The first theme speaker, Rev. J. W. Wallace opened the session as only he could, "Preaching the Gospel To The Poor" needless to say the job was well done and very richly received.

The introduction sermon was delivered by the Rev. B. M. McKenzie (The marvelous Program of Jesus Christ) St. Luke 14:16-18. This was a very inspiring message and well delivered.

The theme speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. J. B. Crowder, "Healing The Broken Hearted". He did a wonderful job and it was well received.

The Moderator, Rev. L. D. Parker, delivered his annual address and it was the highlight of the afternoon. It was a well planned address and well delivered. He recommended that two more groups be added to our association, The Ushers and The Laymen. He also recommended that we have two or three vice moderators. His address was very impressive.

The theme speaker for the evening session was the Rev. J. W. Threat, "Recovering The Sight To The Blind". Having all been blind one but now we see, we could enjoy the way in which Rev. Threat treated this topic.

Friday morning session was opened with guest speaker Rev. Paul Drummond, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. bringing the theme "Liberation Of The Oppressed". He stated that the Black race knew what it meant to be oppressed and have a taste of what it means to be liberated.

The Educational Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Preston Pendergrass only he could deliver in his own way. Being a great well known educator, he was well qualified for the task. He spoke from the subject "Let Me See". St. Mark 10:50-52. If you want to see better come to Jesus now. If you come you must take off something.

The theme speaker for the afternoon was the Rev. H. S. Johnson, "The Acceptable Year Of The Lord". Rev. Johnson did a wonderful job with this theme. It was well taken by all.

The evening session was highlighted with an inspiring report by Mrs. J. B. Crowder, Senior Missionary President. She had very encouraging remarks from the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. There was greetings from the Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Jerome Watson, who challenged all youth supervisors to give the youth an opportunity. Those who attended the association agreed that it was one of the most spirited and enjoyable ever held.

The following officers were elected: Reverends L. D. Parker, Moderator; J. B. Crowder, 1st Vice Moderator; J. W. Wallace, 2nd Vice Moderator; Preston Pendergrass, 3rd Vice Moderator; Mrs. M. G. Rorie, Secretary; Mr. C. L. Barrett, Treasurer.

There was one new church that joined the association, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Marshville; Rev. E. E. Marshall, Pastor.

At 3:30 p.m. Sunday, the last session opened on a happy note with the youth of the association in charge. After a very spirited opening, they were presented in concert. The group was made up of youth from the churches of the association under the direction of Mr. Ivan Davis, Minister of Music and Mrs. Louise Harris, Director of Music of Antioch Baptist Church. The group sang Glory and Honor to The name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I can't find words to express how impressive their singing was. You would have to be present to feel the presence of that Holy Spirit to understand. Each song had a special meaning to every Christian. Our hearts were filled with joy and they sang.

INSTALLATION SERVICE



G. E. BROWN, Pastor

The Reverend G. E. Brown was recently installed as pastor of the End Street Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N. C. Reverend Brown came to End Street, after having pastored the Craven Corner Baptist Church, Havelock, North Carolina.

Reverend Brown is the Moderator of the Middle Ground Association, Moderator of the Middle Ground Union, President of the United Eastern District Baptist Convention, Member of the general board of the General Baptist State Convention, Member of the Executive board of the Old Eastern Association.

The D.D. Degree was conferred upon Reverend Brown the second Sunday in November, 1972.

The Installation sermon was delivered by Reverend C. M. Deloach; others appearing on the program were Reverend C. H. Brown, W. E. Battle, W. T. Taylor and E. R. King.

Reverend Brown is married to the former Mary Freer of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. They have three sons and three daughters, Reverend Earl Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina, James and George of Stamford, Connecticut; Christine, Janice and Roberta.

"THANK YOU" FROM SHERRILL

November 22, 1972

Dear Christian Co-workers:

My heart overflows with joy and gratitude for the kindness shown me by my friends during the observance of my 25th Anniversary as Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

"Thank you" can only begin to express my deepest appreciation to the Testimonial Dinner Committee, the hostesses, the program participants, the churches, the Associations, the organizations, those who wrote special letters, those who gave special gifts, those who came from far and near, and those who sent their prayers and best wishes.

The Testimonial Dinner was really grand. It was almost unbelievable, yet it was revealing. It provided an opportunity for me to take a retrospective glance. My heart was able to unite with the Psalmist. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

As I meditated over the beautiful fact that many devout souls have had a hand in shaping my life, a sense of deep humility enveloped me. I was able to feel with the Apostle Paul, "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

On behalf of my family and for myself personally, I thank you from the innermost recesses of my heart.

Appreciatively yours,
/s/ O. L. Sherrill

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REVEREND LEO WILLIAMS, JR., Director

Recommendations from the
Department of Christian Education:

1. That each District Association plan an annual cooperative institute for its churches, to last at least one week. This institute should have a class or period to teach the area of work to each State Auxiliary, and a designated period to emphasize the State Convention work.
2. That each association form a Christian Education Council, composed of the moderator of association, President of Woman's Auxiliary, Presidents of Sunday School and Baptist Train-

ing Union Conventions, President of Usher's Convention, Director of Music, and the presiding officers of any other auxiliaries in the association. The association will elect a person to serve as Christian Education Co-ordinator who will be chairman of the Council. This Council or committee should plan and correlate the entire educational work of the association. The State Department of Christian Education can better communicate with the association through a channel such as this.

3. That the Department of Christian Education mimeograph a booklet to be used by General Baptists, which will include the Convention's History, Organization (including Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissions, and Departments, with the duty or function of each), Auxiliaries, Convention Objectives, Unified Plan, and Guidelines for Christian Education.
4. That the Department of Christian Education provide the necessary forms and keep records of the personnel and Christian Education effort throughout the convention, awarding certificates of credit where earned and requested.
5. That a curriculum be planned with a scope broad enough to cover all areas of the lives of General Baptists of North Carolina.
6. That a Board of Directors for the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site be appointed by the Convention, whose duties will be to be responsible for the operation, the growth, and the development of the Assembly Site.
7. That a committee, composed of the President of the General Convention, the Presidents of the Auxiliaries, the Executive Secretary of the General Convention, the Executive Secretary of the Woman's Convention, and the Director of Christian Education, be appointed to recommend to the General Board, the above specified Board of Directors.

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